THE NEW KINDAICHI DETECTIVE FILES

PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN

Case 2

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Important Notes:

Poalo (I know it should be Poirot... but anyway I was not the translator), Fumi's dog which will appear in this story, actually belonged to a killer in a previous case. Long story short, the killer committed suicide, and how the dog ended up with Fumi has never been discussed. I'm assuming Kindaichi took custody of the dog after that case. To be fair for everyone who doesn't read the previous series of Kindaichi, Poalo hated the smell of Lavender, that's all you need to know.

Karasu's Rant Space:

Hey guys, it's been a while. Been too busy with life and stuff. My baby daughter is 4 months old now, so happy. Anyway, by popular demand, I decided to do this over the weekend. Quick scan, and splitting the 2 pages into one, that's all I did, no editing whatsoever. House inspection in 2 weeks, and I'm stuck cleaning the house this weekend. Anyone who want to do HQ, feel free to use this scan.

Some of you might already know, the first 2 volumes are the only ones I have in English, the rest is in Indonesian. With the way my life is going right now, I really can't afford scanning them, translating them and editing them. If anyone have any kindaichi raws in any language, and anyone willing to edit them, I'm willing to translate them. If not, I can't promise anything.

PM karasu at Mangahelper forum for any comment. Cheers!

Case 2
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN

An unexpected death threat appears on the Silver Screen.....!
When Kindaichi is involved in the production of a movie, the members of Fudou High School of Fine Arts Movies Research Club are viciously attacked by the Phantom of The Silver Screen, "Scorpio".....! Now the horror movie plagued with production problems, "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation" is being re-made and it is turning out to be a real tragedy.....!

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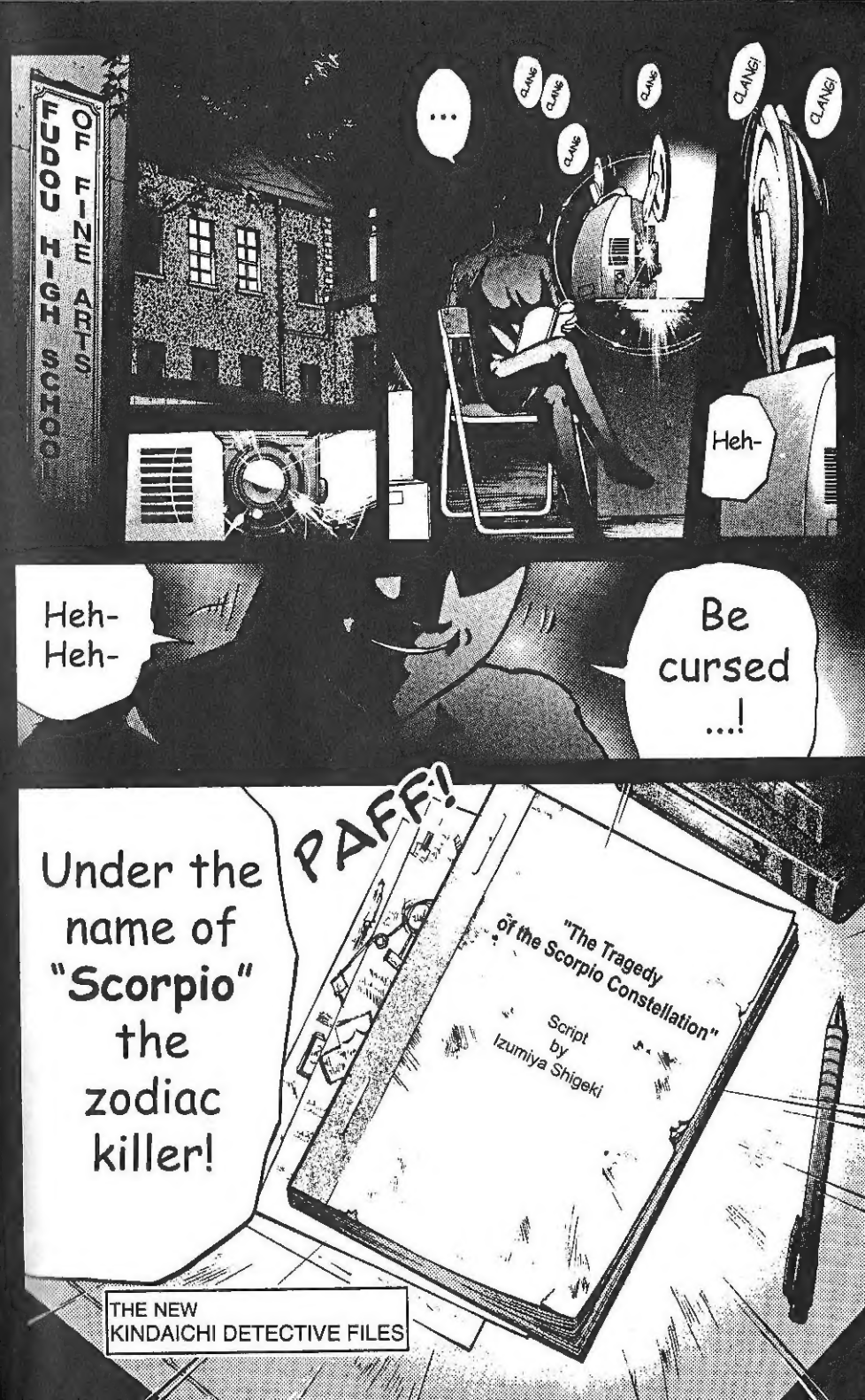
FUDOU HIGH SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS
...
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG!
CLANG!
Heh-
Heh-
Heh-
Be cursed ...!
Under the name of "Scorpio" the zodiac killer!
PAFF!
"The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"
Script by Izumiya Shigeki
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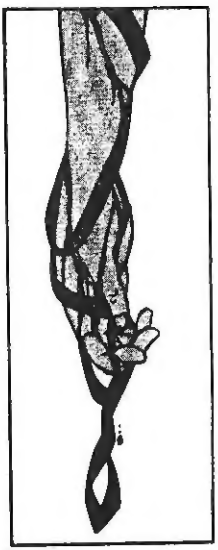


THEATRE - SATO
NOW SHOWING
SEA
Ah! Here it is... Senior!!
Reika's new movie!
I want to watch Tsuyoshi from Kinkin Kids! Fumi is looking forward too...
The ticket counter seems to be inside.
Ah... Ah...
Why didn't Reika give us tickets to this movie...?
She was busy! Surely!
GIGGLE
Reika is a very popular idol...
She might have been sick and tired of stupid guys...?
What... did you say Fumi!!
Reika is crazy about me...

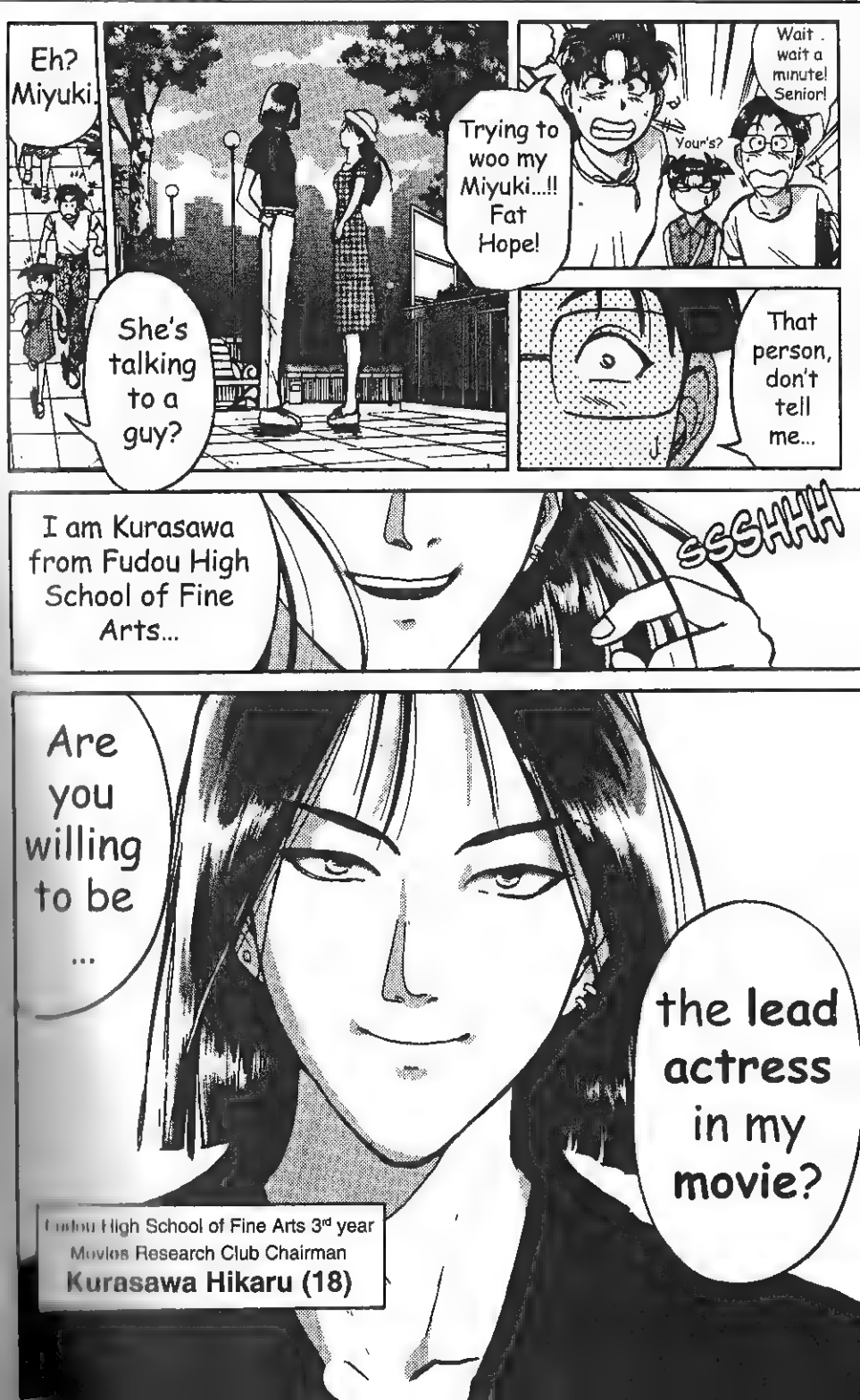
PROLOGUE
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN

I am sorry... Kindaichi! I am after all an actress...
Reika ...
And an actress can only be with an actor.
Good-bye!
Ah! Reika...
Get lost! What a nuisance!
CRASH
Ouch!
Rei... Reika...
Erm.
TSU-YO-SHI
Reika! You gave an engagement bracelet to Tsuyoshi?
Eh... As to that...
When do you all intend to meet your parents ...?
How about marriage?!
How many times per week do you date?
Reika... ...
VROOOSH
I...I get it... only an actress is compatible to an actress...
SOB SOB
What was this idiot immersed in?
Senior, Let's get some food...
Kin-dai-chi...
SSH

Ah
!?
Charara... I want to hold you... ♫
♫ Charara ...
I see...! So that's the reason.
Wah .....
BING
Rei... ka...
BING
No wonder there are rumours flying around involving Tsuyoshi and Reika lately...

Reika...So that's why she didn't give me the tickets...
CUTE
Cute...so cute... ♡♡
...Oi...Do you know? Fumi ...
Why are you touching me?
TAP
GRRRR
GRIND GRIND
Compare to a kid like you, she's one trillion years ahead!!
That is what I called "cuteness in girls"!!
Ouch! Stop it you idiot! Don't be too excited!
Right? Miyuki ...
Eh?
Where's Miyuki?
She went off first! You were so excited...
Ha... great... Reika...
she is getting more and more refined ...!
Com-pare to her,
I am...

Rei... Reika?
You saw it, right?
This movie ...
I didn't want you to see it ...
Eh?
SOB!
No matter what kind of acting it was, that scene
I just didn't want you to see it...!


Eh? Miyuki.
She's talking to a guy?
Trying to woo my Miyuki...!! Fat Hope!
Wait . wait a minute! Senior!
Your's?
That person, don't tell me...
I am Kurasawa from Fudou High School of Fine Arts...
SSSHHH
Are you willing to be ...
the lead actress in my movie?
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club Chairman
Kurasawa Hikaru (18)

A sad star twinkling in her wet eyes...
...
Beau-ti-ful-...
The beauty concealing the sadness...
That's right...
Like the Andromeda shining in the sky...!!
...
...?

Oh!
!!
Hajime ...
What happened?
Re... Reika...
...
...now I understand!
Oops!
Please tell me more about it!!
CRACK!
Game Over!
Oh!

Kurasawa Hikaru!!
Movie director Kurasawa Hikaru is a high school genius!
The grandson of Kurasawa Akira, the famous Japanese movie director.
He got the second prize in Japan Amateur Cinema Festival for a movie he produced in school!
Nanase senior is going to be the lead actress in Kurasawa's movie, it's wonderful!!
If the movie gets a major award, she can even become a movie star!
...
Indeed...and then... comes the indecent relationship between the movie director and the lead actress...
She will have his saliva all over her!
...
Even if you said that...
Don't... don't tell me!
Miyuki will never agree to that!
Turn him down Miyuki !!
Don't believe his words...
Ah! Kindaichi!

Well then, pardon me for coming in.
...and... the people behind...?
Eh?
Ah!
I am Kindaichi, Nanase Miyuki's manager!
I am his partner, Saki!
I am the assistant, Fumi!
Hajime Kindaichi
Manager
Saki
Why... why are you here, Hajime!!
What are you talking about? It's the manager's job to help out with the work of the actors and actresses.
Nanase's friends? What am I going to do.....
What's the matter? Hashino senior!

That day...
At a fit of anger, I agreed to it.
But I am still worried ...
Excuse me!
MOVIE RESEARCH CLUB (BACK STAGE)
Yes?
I am... I am looking for Mr Kurasawa.
Please, come in! Come in!
Ah! You are Miss Nanase!
I heard from Chair-man Kurasawa!
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 2nd year
Movies Research Club Member
Records In-charge
Hashino Kanae (17)

Ah!
But she...
Yes! You have come, Nanase!
Hee
Yes... about ...
I'll introduce everyone to you.
Che: Do what you want!
This is Nanase Miyuki, 2nd year student from Fudou High School!
Nice to meet you guys...
...this is the "Andromeda" you mentioned?
STARE
STARE
It's a bit difficult to compare to Kurokawa who is way above average, right?!
...
Well...the breasts are big but the rest are just slightly above average, aren't they?
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club Member
Actor
Sanada Koji (18)
This...this black guy with lecherous eyes. .how can he say such things?!
IRRITATED
...

I don't understand Chairman's tastes!
Oi! Prepare tea and don't say stupid things!
I'm sorry! That girl didn't get a major role this time!
And she felt she was unfairly treated.
Yes.. yes..
Ah! That girl...?!
Hmm ... mmm ...
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 1st year
Movies Research Club Member
Actress cum Miscellaneous Work In-charge
Yusa Chiemi (16)
KRAK!
Kura-sawa!
...
Why did you drop Kurokawa from the main role?!
I wrote the script with Kurokawa in my mind!
And you..
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club Member
Script In-charge
Izumiya Shigeki (18)

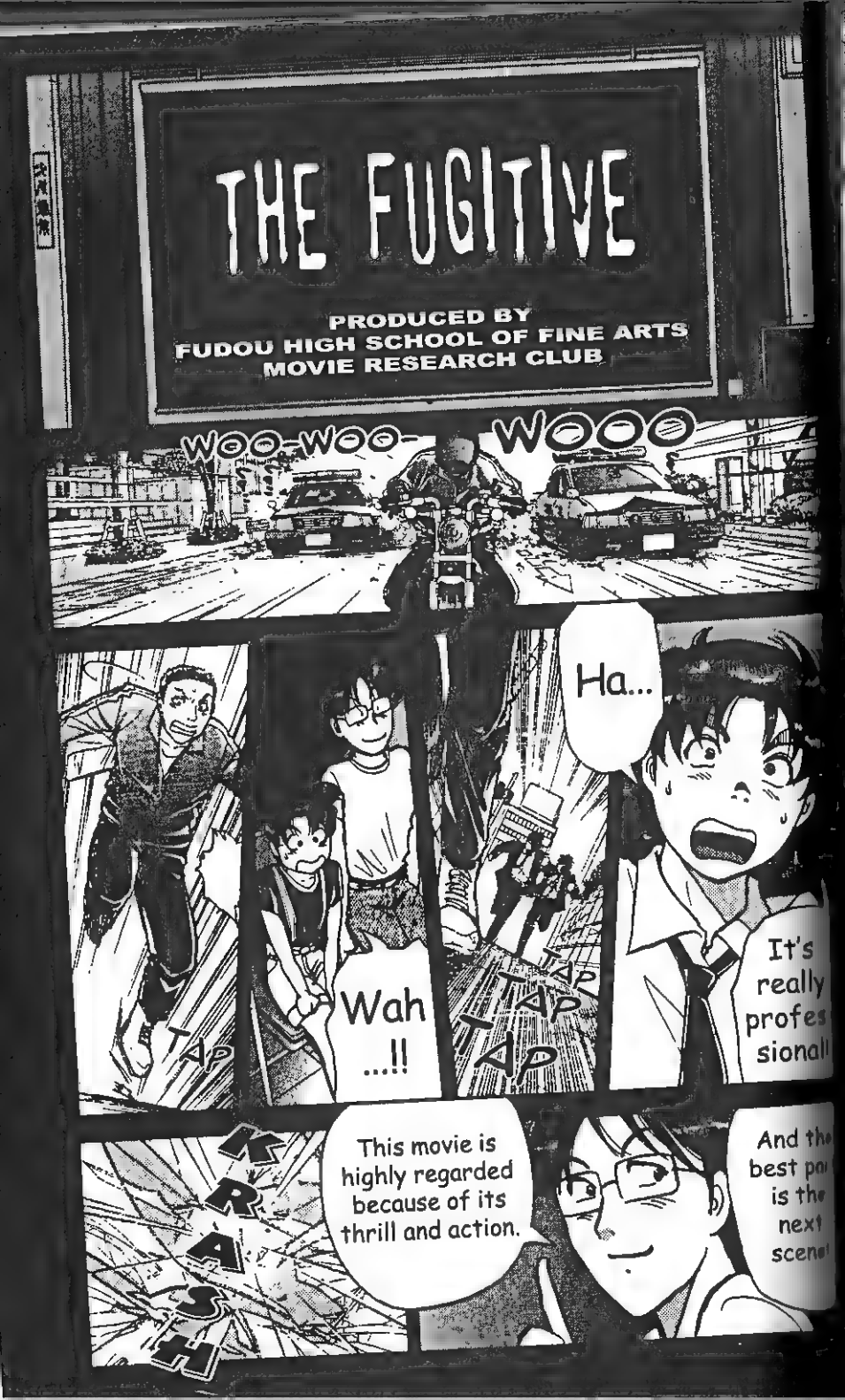
The real back-bone to movie...
is still the 8mm!
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club Member
Cameraman
Kadowaki Yasuhiro (18)
You asshole! This Canon Video Camera that I shared with my brother
is more important than my life...!! 8mm is just a stupid antique!
What?! How dare you insult 8mm!
Stop it! Kadowaki senior! Hmmm...!
Please don't mind! Nanase.
Yes
It's been like that since we have very strong-headed members!
Now I will show you the movie that got the second prize last year, "The Fugitive".
Then you will get to know truly well what kind of movies we make...!
SNIFF
TOC
?! What... Smell of perfume?

Hm?
...Hello...! I am Kindaichi from Fudou High School.
Who are you?
Ah! They are my friends. They feel that I will be bored and helpless if I am alone so ..
Well, fine with me!
But do not meddle with the equipments.
Since I have a lot of expensive equipment!
...
Nyah
So we managed to sneak in successfully..
Hey you...!
Eh?
GRAB
Can you stop using that video cam?
You are humiliating the sacred Movie Research Club!
KLUGG
Ah...!! My video cam...!!

Kurokawa! Let me introduce. She is Nanase...
When is your birth-day?
Eh? Erm... erm...
It's Nov 24th.
Astrological Calendar
Yes... Sagit-tarius right...
From now on Mars will stop and form an inauspicious angle with Pluto and your star...
Astrological Calendar
This spells disaster! But not to worry...
After that, it's going to form an auspicious angle with Jupiter so the disaster is not going to last long.
Yes ... yes.
She is good at reading horo-scope.
Some-times I also ask her to look at mine!
Me too. ♡
OK! Ready to start.
CLANG CLANG
ZZZT

Kuro-kawa!!
Where did you go? Kurokawa senior!
DING
DONG
Wow- This...this super beauty is
The one who was dropped from the main role because o Miyuki?!
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 2nd year Movies Research Club Member Actress
Kuro-kawa Miho (17)

TAP
!!
TOC
Wah... Incredible! He really leaped from one building to another!
HO
HO
HO
HO
HO
Correct! All the action scenes in this movie were not done by stunt-double but Sanada himself!

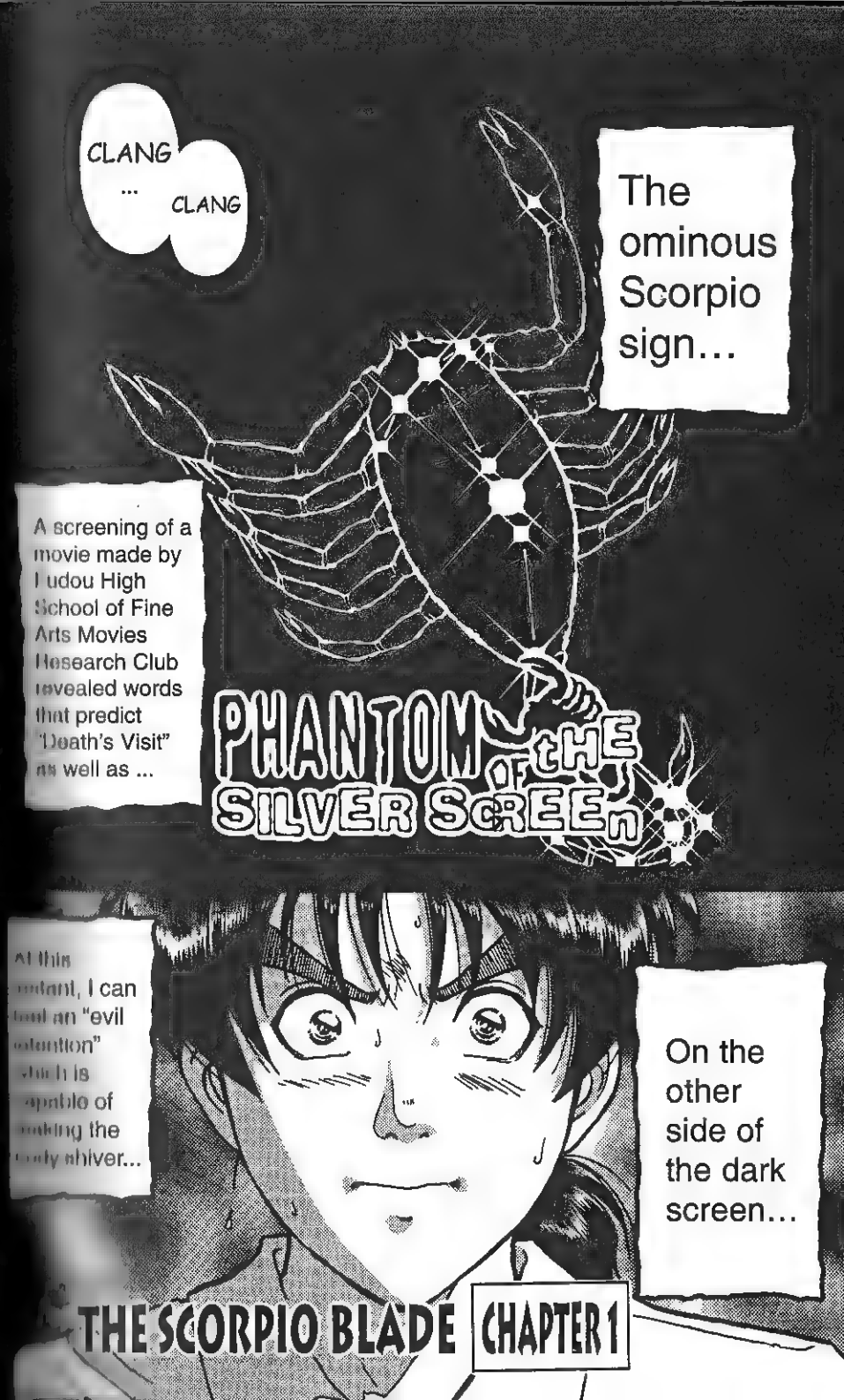

THE FUGITIVE
PRODUCED BY
FUDOU HIGH SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS
MOVIE RESEARCH CLUB
WOO-WOO-
WOOO
Ha...
It's really profes sional!
TAP
Wah ...!!
TAP
TAP
TAP
And the best pa is the next scene!
This movie is highly regarded because of its thrill and action.
KRASH

THIS FILM HAS BEEN CURSED

WHOEVER SEES IT WILL BE FILLED WITH SIN

AND VISITED BY DEATH

Heard that Sanada was a former athlete!
...
No wonder he is so... dark
Eh ...?
SIGH
why does the picture suddenly turned black...
What hap-pened? Kadowaki!
The machine mal-function again?!
CLANG!
CLANG!
No...no... the projector is still moving!
Then what on earth is that...?
Hmm ?
THIS
There are words on the screen.


CLANG
...
CLANG
The ominous Scorpio sign...
A screening of a movie made by Tudou High School of Fine Arts Movies Research Club revealed words that predict "Death's Visit" as well as ...
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN
At this instant, I can feel an "evil intention" which is capable of making the body shiver...
On the other side of the dark screen...
THE SCORPIO BLADE
CHAPTER 1

Note:
The correct constellation should be laterally inverted.
?!
AAA ARR RGH ?!
This... this is Scorpi ?!

?!
UNEASINESS
?!
FEARFUL
SIGH
After looking at the inauspicious constellation, the mood was gone.
Now let's call it a day.
Regarding the future arrangements, I will call Nanase by phone.
...
What, what is this...?
What's that...
"The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"...?

SSZZHH
SSZZHH
Wah...!! It's Hot!!
SSZZHH
The film stock...!!
Kadowaki! Are you the one who did all these practical jokes?
Don't be silly! It's not me!
Scorpio ...
Eh
"The Tragedy of
the Scorpio Constel- lation"!!

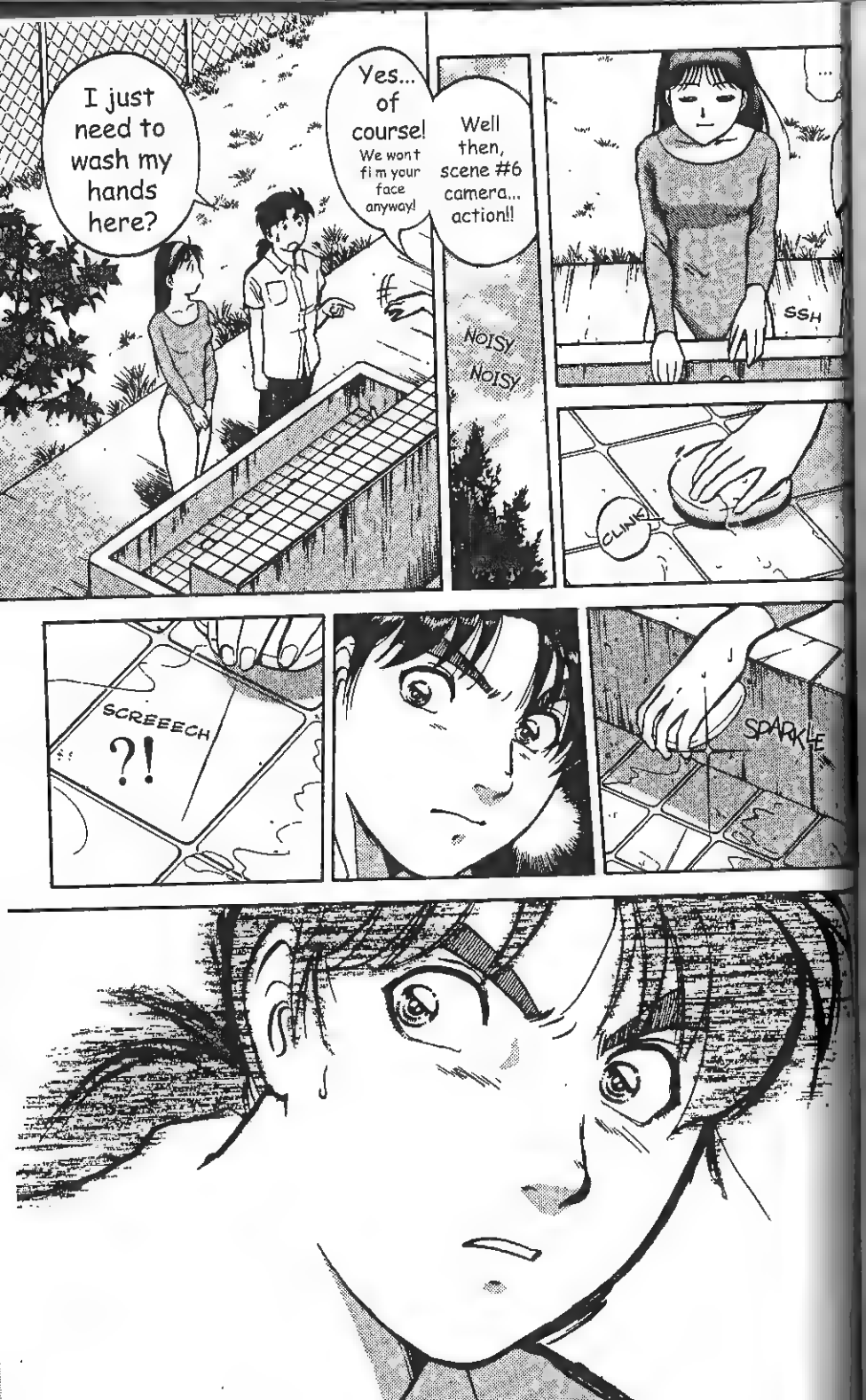
... Senior ,were you looking for me?
WHAP
Ouch!
It's your fault !
If you never appeared, Matsuoka will...
I... I...
Eh... eh?
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 2nd year
Movies Research Club Member
Actress
Kurokawa Miho (17)

You want to know about "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"?
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 2nd year
Movies Research Club Member
Record In-charge
Hashino Kanae (17)
It was a movie made before "The Fugitive" & it was made by the club just to add some movies to our collection.
Eh?
It was never shown anybody
I heard it's a horror action movie...
who came out from the screen and started killing people.
The story was about a killer called "Scorpio"
Well, Miss Hashino has never seen it?
Hm! That was before I joined the club!
But don't mention "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation" in front of the seniors.
They get very irritated!
You must have seen how they reacted just now...

Mr Kurasawa. Do you want barley tea?
Ah... no... I...
Excuse me!
Chairman Kurasawa only drinks from his own cup!
Please Chairman!
Right. Next! We move to Scene #6, the scene at the washing sink!
Miss Ibuuse, have you changed into the swimsuit?
So tight ...
HEH-HEH
Maybe it's better to have someone here...
I can't take it! ♡
Hey you! Can you come over for a while?
Eh?
Me... me?

Cut! Cut...!
What happened to the next line!
FAWN
Sorry... sorry! I am nervous and so...
I rewrote the script to make it easier for you & yet it still happened!
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club
Script In-charge
Izumiya Shigeki (18)
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club
Actor
Sanada Koji (18)
Please spare us...this already 1 secon take?
What's the fuss?! If it's no good, just rewind the film and retake, that's all!
It's only the 2nd take!
Senior You ca retak with 8m
That's right! 8mm film is sensitive to light,
It's a one-time thing. You take one shot, that's it!
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club Member
Cameraman
Kadowaki Yasuhiro (18)
Don't treat it like some cheap video that you can retake again & again!
What did you say ...?

?!
GEUG
AAAA AAHH HHH !?
SPLOSH
THOP


I just need to wash my hands here?
Yes... of course!
We won't film your face anyway!
Well then, scene #6 camera... action!!
NOISY
NOISY
...
SSH
CLINK
SCREEECH
?!
SPARKLE

Hajime...
SIGH
By the way, Miyuki ...
That kind of cos-tume
AH
You... lecher ...!!
WHAP
YAG GGH HHH !?
Your eyes are lecherous!!
Idiot!
Isn't it too sexy?
But it's OK if I'm the only one seeing...
I told you out of concern ...
This scene is even better than the movie!!
Blast it ...

I am sorry, so sorry! Sorry! Miyuki!
I am all wet.
What are you doing, you...?!
No choice! We'll do scene #6 later. Nanase, get changed!
Yeah.
Oi. I am sorry!
What was that idiot doing?
Beats me...
Hajime, you are an...
Eh !!
There's a cutter knife in the soap...
Hajime...
You discovered this and you purposely splashed water on me!

No doubt I look up to my grandfa-ther...
But, I have my own views and ideas!
SIGH
If I gave up just like you from the beginning,
I wonder how easy it would be for me...
What was that weird guy trying to say?
Maybe he is envious that you seem to have no worries?
What ?!
KNOCK KNOCK
I also have my worries.
E.g. I still can't complete my computer game, I've to ensure that Fumi does not mess up my room..

When I was about to eliminate the meddling people...
That Kindaichi ... he is rather sharp-eyed...!
Hope he won't mess up my plan.
Miyuki ...
Ah! Kindaichi.
?
If you are going back to the clubroom, can yo carry this dummy doll there as well
LATEX MASK
Wah! What do you use that for?
The dummy doll is an important actor indeed, we used him for scenes like jumping from a tall place or being run over by a car and so on!
Hm... This...
Eh?
By the way are you the grandson of that Kindaichi Kosuke?
I hear that from Nana
I am the grandson of Kurasawa Akira, the famous Japanese movie director.
We are suffering as both of us have a famous grandfather...
No, that isn't true!
Eh

Oops...! I'm sorry Miss Kurokawa !!
I... I...
DISPLEASURE
Get out!!
PAH
Wah!
What the ... if she's afraid that people will barge in,
She should have locked the door!
Foolish ...
Senior Kurokawa hates to be seen when she's changing ..whether by a guy or a girl..
Miss Yusa!!
Moreover, you need a key to lock this room, even if you're inside!
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 1st year
Movies Research Club Member
Actress cum Miscellaneous In-charge
Yusa Chiemi (16)

...
Huh?
Ah?

Great! She doesn't look angry anymore...
...
...
"Punishment rooms"...
MOVIE RESEARCH CLUB (BACKSTAGE)

Eh? But normally the other side of the door is as such,
LIKE THIS
There should be a latch. Turning the latch will open up or lock the door ...
This door has no such mechanism! The purpose is to lock a person up inside the room!
All the rooms in the building were punishment rooms in the past
"Punishment rooms"?
Yes! Students who had done wrong were locked up in the rooms here!
In addition, our clubroom is a famous haunted spot in school.
At night you can hear a girl crying...or a weird old man sitting at a corner of the room...
CLATTER
Ah... Senior Kurokawa.
Ah... I'm sorry about just now!
I... really...
SMILE
It's alright... don't feel bad about it...
I feel bad as well for being so rude.

..Hmmph! I'm so silly...
This is not a 2-hour soap opera ...
SSH
Who would want to copycat that movie...
And tries to take revenge for him...
NOISY
NOISY
...! What ...ppened to ...umiya?
He's not here yet...

...Calling me out at such a late hour!
Scorpio ...
But then...
...the "Scorpio" that appeared in the cursed film...
If it is somehow related to th movie "The Tragec of the Scorp Constellatio produced b us...
Erghh! I don't like this constel-lation...
...don't tell me...it is because of that guy ...?

On the stage ...
There's a picture of "Scorpio" zodiac!!
DRIP
DRIP
...blood ?!
Don't ...
Don't tell me!!
THUD
DRIP
!?

It's rare for him to be late since he is always so particular about time!
No choice! We have to start taking scene #10 without him!
Is it okay? Chairman! If we do this, Mr Izumiya will be angry.
Don't bother! He is wrong fo being lat
Hmm...?
BEEP
RRRM
MMB
BBLLL
What's going on? Who is raising the screen curtain?
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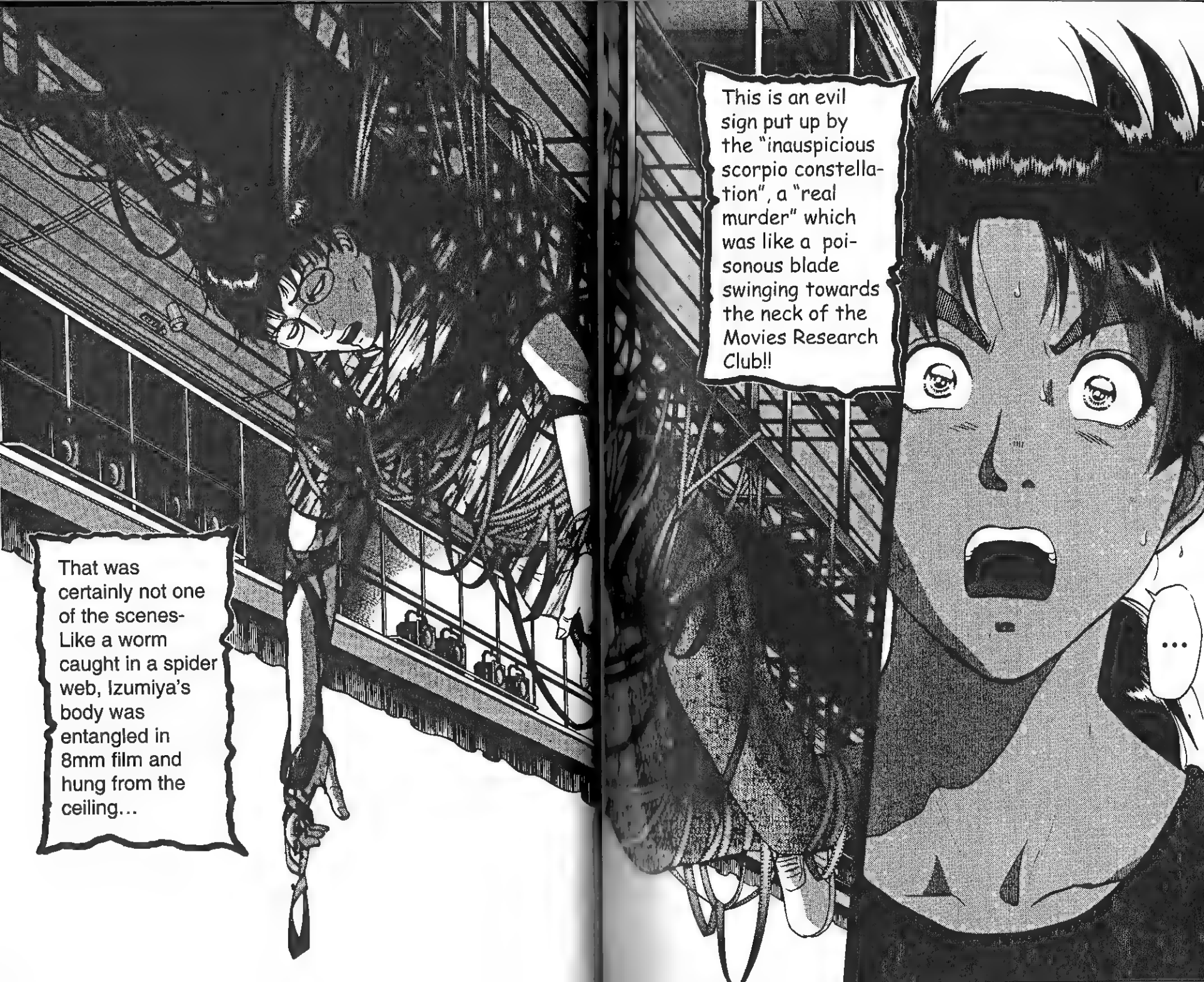

That was certainly not one of the scenes- Like a worm caught in a spider web, Izumiya's body was entangled in 8mm film and hung from the ceiling...
This is an evil sign put up by the "inauspicious scorpio constellation", a "real murder" which was like a poisonous blade swinging towards the neck of the Movies Research Club!!
...

Look... look! The Scorpio sign on the wall!!
All of us are going to be killed by the serial killer "Scorpio"!!
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN
...
THE FORBIDDEN FILM
CHAPTER 2

"The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"...
CLATTER
!
Just like the movie!
If that's the case we are all going to be killed!
...slayed by the serial killer from the movie...
...
The "Scorpio"...!!
Video!!

In other words, anyone of them...
Could have killed Izumiya...
I see...
The story was about a killer called "Scorpio" who came out from the screen and started to kill people.
I heard it's a horror action movie...
The serial killer from the movie... started a killing spree...
Damn! Hope that my instincts are wrong, if not...

You think it's copycat murder?!
Ah...in the past, a movie called "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation" was produced by this club.
The way Izumiya was killed is exact like one of th murder scene in that movie
Oh...
But...but why did the killer do such a thing...
Inspector Kenmochi! Do y have any clue about the killer?
Yes!
Do you think it is possible that Izumiya was asked to go to school by someone he knew just before he was murdered?
I interrogated all the members of the club,
But none o them h an alib during time o Izumiy death

Of course the making of the movie is going to carry on.
But...but how can you carry on making the movie when Izumiya is killed!!
If we stop here then we wouldn't be able to make it at the Film Festival...
Nanase!
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club
Chairman
Kurasawa Hikaru (18)
when he was filming "Twilight Zone"...!
You also agree with me to continue filming, right?! Kadowaki...
Ah? Ah... ah...!
That...
...
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club Member
Camera In-charge
Kadowaki Yasuhiro (18)

TAP
TAP
SHOCK
WOO WO
Wah !!
What ...
OW
OW
Poalo?!
Why ar you here?
I brought him here!!
Fumi? Why br Poalo here?
Because the long haired guy said he wanted to use him in the movie ...
But...can they still make the movie at this time?
Making movie ...?!
Ar yo sur Isn it.

Hajime !?
Kin-dai-chi!!
Ah... that lousy movie...!
Unfortu-nately I had destroyed it together with the script since it was made such a long time ago.
Did you destroy it after showing it to only members of this club?
Yes! That movie was only shown to Izumiya, Sanada, Kadowaki and me, the sole members of the club at that time...
If that's the case, then it's weird.
Mr Kadowaki said that the arrangement of Izumiya's body **looked exactly like** one of the scenes in that movie ..
The killer who manipulated Izumiya's body at the scene of crime...
Must be one of those who had seen "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation", right?!
AH!!

Sanada... how about you?
...Hmm? I have no comments. It's up to you?
...
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 3rd year
Movies Research Club Member
Actor
Sanada Koji (18)
So it's decided then! Today we will proceed on with the movie-making according to the schedule...
SIGN
Wait a minute!! M
Kurasawa
Regarding the movie you'd made- "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation" ...
Can you show it to me, is it alright with you?
NERVO

Carry on with the filming?!
$#!* Kurasawa!
That cold-blooded animal! When can he stop bossing around?! I'm quitting!
RATTLE
It's just like the last movie.
Yes!! If Izumiya was killed in line with the plot of "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"...
Someone is definitely taking revenge for Honda...
This must be it!!...
No...
...
Maybe it's...
CLACKING

Hmm
I was just kidding...
Although I said that it was a lousy movie, we wouldn't discard a movie that took us a lot of time and effort to make!
Just that I cannot remember where I put it!
What is this? That guy...
!
The moon...moving into a straight lin with Pluto...
...If nothing happens,
then it's alright, but if...
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 2nd year
Movies Research Club Member
Actress
Kurokawa Miho (17)

DRAG
Eh
WHISPER
WHISPER
Don't... don't tell me you also killed Izumiya...
What...?! You're ...?!
His...?
Help... help!!
...
HEEE EEE EELP!
ZAPT

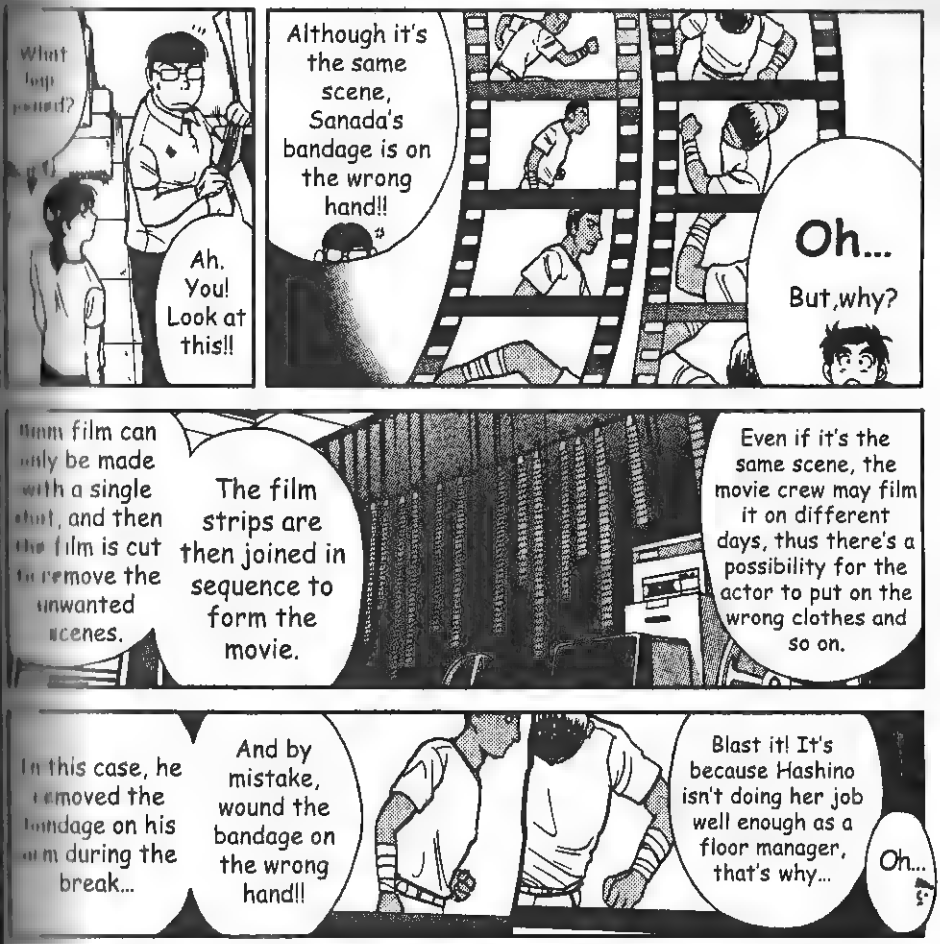
That guy's spirit coming out of that movie...
And becomin the rea killer "Scorpio"
TOK
GAA
WHAM
...?!
Yo
ye
...

could it be that
SMIRK
You are in love with Kurakawa?
THROB THROB
Oi!! Fumi!! Don't say stupid things!
Ouch
What are you try ng to do.. Stupid Hajime
BASH BASH
Erm. erm
Ah, Miss Hoshino. Are you carrying this dummy doll all the way there?
Yes...yes!! Sorry for the trouble! Kindaichi!!
Alright...
GRAB
?!
Eh?
Sticky...

MOVIE RESEARCH CLUB
(BACKSTAGE)
I can't believe it!! That rouge!!
After Senior Izumiya's horrifying death, he can still insist to proceed with the filming..
CLANK
CLANK
STRANGE
THUD
CLANK
?!
Yusa.
CLANK
I... I feel like quitting this club ...
You shouldn't! If you quit, it will be difficult for us!!
Besi... lo... Seni... Kura... is ... geni...
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 1st year
Movies Research Club Member
Actress cum Miscellaneous In-charge
Yusa Chiemi (16)
Fudou High School of Fine Arts 2nd year
Movies Research Club Member
Record In-charge
Hashino Kanae (17)

AA
AAA
AAH
HHH
HHH
!!
Senior
Sanada
!!
?!

Blood
THUM
Don't... don't tell me this dummy doll...?!
FLOP


What
Ah.
You!
Look at
this!!
Although it's
the same
scene,
Sanada's
bandage is on
the wrong
hand!!
Oh...
But,why?
film can
only be made
with a single
shot, and then
the film is cut
to remove the
unwanted
scenes.
The film
strips are
then joined in
sequence to
form the
movie.
Even if it's the
same scene, the
movie crew may film
it on different
days, thus there's a
possibility for the
actor to put on the
wrong clothes and
so on.
In this case, he
removed the
bandage on his
arm during the
break...
And by
mistake,
wound the
bandage on
the wrong
hand!!
Blast it! It's
because Hashino
isn't doing her job
well enough as a
floor manager,
that's why...
Oh...
Movie-making
is indeed
difficult...
If you are
not careful,
confusion may
occur...
WAH

How can this happened...
...
the police is still investigating the previous murder at the gym...
Kadowaki mentioned that this looked exactly the same as one of the scenes in the movie "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation".
Also,
chest
thi
tors
had
Scor
mar
That movie was only shown to Izumiya, Sanada, Kadowaki and me...
All members of the club a
that time...
ROOM EDITING
AUTHORISED PERSONNEL ONLY
Excuse me...Mr Kadowaki...
$#!*
Isn't th
film
stock
laterali
inverte

...If my thinking...
...
Is not wrong...
TAP
TOC
..As expected, that's it...!
HO
HO
HO
Hajime! What have you discovered?
Eh?! Yes... yes!
Hajime! What do you mean by "as expected" ?!

Eh?
Mr Kadowaki! That movie "The Fugitive",
Can yo show it me again
THE FUGITIVE
TAP
What's the matter? Senior! Why all the sudden...
CLANG CLANG
Just be qu and watch

...I've got it...!!
The reason behind the "sense of incongruity" I felt at that time...

C'amon
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN
ONE MORE GUY CHAPTER 3
I've got it...!!
The reason behind the sense of [illegible]gruity" I felt at that time..!!
Hmm?

SSSS

Miyuki !!
Eh?
Call Inspector Kenmochi here for me! He should still be in school!
Quick!!
Hmm... OK!
Ah!
YAAAA! The containers of the film!!
KRARASH
I'll tidy up this place, so go quick!!
Ah...ah the film are all messed up!
This will do ...!
..Somehow I feel that the labels of the container don't match with the films inside...
Never-mind!
...And next...
...We shall use this...!
Eh? What are you doing with a deodor-ant ..?
SSSH

Shadow?
A big **shadow** passing by on top of the building...
Could it be an advertis-ing balloon...?
No! If that's the case, it won't move in that manner!!
That's it...!! Maybe...
I can determi the tim and th place fr that thing...!!

Yee! What is this?!
Who spilt the deodorant on the floor?!
Ah! It's me! Sorry! Can you jump over it?
TAP
What the ...!
Um
TAK
FLUTTER
...
Then...
NOD
So everyone is here, right?
...

GLUG
GLUG
Wa! What...what are you doing?! Senior!
...I am sick of it!
After Izumiya senior, it's Sanada senior...
What happened to our club?
...
Eh
What wrong? Miss Kurokawa
...the smell of
Lavenda ...?

Oi Yusa! Pour some cold drinks for us!
Where's your initiative!
So... sorry!
PAPER CUPS
1 DOZEN
Please
Now, Kindaichi. Can you kindly tell us?
The reasons for gathering all of us here!
Actually, I would like all of you to cooperate in an experiment.
Experiment?

Oh Kindaichi! Why is the floor wet?
Ah! Inspecto Kenmoch watch your steps!
Actually, regarding the things you wanted me to check...
Hmm... I see.
OH NO!!
At this time...
I didn't expect 2 inspec-tors to come...!
I must do something!!
?!
Some-thing...
SSS
This place is a bit warm...
The ventilat in ou room not ve good

TAP
Yes! Thank you.
You must be wondering what I'm doing, but in fact, this experiment
Is to prove a certain fact.
Prove a certain fact?
Yes! In fact when I first watched the movie that got 2nd prize, "The Fugitive", I felt a weird sense of incongruity...
And when I realized the reason behind that sense of incongruity...
I also realized a surprising truth hidden behind this movie!

I would like you all to jump from here to here...
Eh...?
Long jump?
What can you know by doing such things?
Just do
you're to
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

Ah!
The leg which he used to take off...
Are different for both scenes...!
You're right!
And when he jumped from one building to the other,
When Sanada jumped from the ground, he took off on his left leg,
He used the right leg to leap!!
HAH

A surprising truth?!
What do you mean?
CLAK
First, let's look a these scene
The first scene...
Shows the actor, Mr Sanada being chased, jumping from the concrete ground
And escap ...
Next the second scene, also the highlight of the movie,
Whereby the actor jumped from one building to another...
Anyone realize something after comparing the two scenes?
What do you mean by "some-thing" ...?
No? I don't see anything strange...

It's the same leg!!
Everyone took off with the same foot as compared to the previous recording!!
...
Yes! ...ular to ...more ...nant and ...terous ...human ...ngs do ...e a ...domi-...nt leg.
Normally we take off with our more dominant leg!
Because less effort is required.
In all the scenes where Sanada's face could be seen, he took off everytime with his left leg,
But in this critical scene which required the most strength, he did it with his right leg...why?!

You're right!
Now that you mentioned it...
So what's wrong with that...maybe he just happened to use the other leg at that time?
Just happened? No, definitely not!
Saki! Is the video preparation ready?
OK! Senior
Now let's look at the video tape carefully!
BEEP
This video clip shows the way everybody jumped a moment ago...
For Miss Hashino, it's **right** leg...
For Mr Kadowaki, it's also **right** leg...
For Miss Yusa, it's **left** leg...
For Miss Kurokawa, it's also **left** leg...
For Mr Kurasawa, it's **left** leg...
And then, these are taken when you all jumped to avoid the deodorant on the ground...
BEEP
Eh!

someone who was the fifth staff involved in this movie?
someone who specializes in stunts and performing dangerous scenes,
That's not the abnormal part I have in mind.
What ...?
But this is done everywhere, so it's no big deal...
Like what you just said, I employed stuntman in the movie...
You have sharp eyes...

That is because...the guy who jumped in that scene,
But it wa somebody else who had a mor dominant right leg!
Wasn't Mr Sanada who had a more dominant left leg,
Somebody else?! Who was that?!
Chairman Kurasawa has a dominant left leg so it wasn't him...
And it couldn't had been Mr Kadowaki, who is a little plump and Mr Izumiya, who was too skinny,
As w could tell th differ by ju watch the cl
That's true...
This movie was pro-duced by the 4 members, Kurasawa, Kadowaki, Izumiya and Sanada,
But he there's more person

You fellows finished him off ultimately ...?
What... what do you mean!
Murder!!?
Whether they're nonsense...
heh...rubbish...! How did you come up with that kind of nonsense...

What I find puzzling is that why did you all treated the fifth staff...
As if he never existed!
And what's more, the highlight of the movie is it's exciting action...
and the only one without any credits was the stuntman who contributed most importantly to the movie...
The four of you cooperated,
And tried to eliminate the existence of this man. Why?
...Mr Kurosawa, maybe you all have...
Emphasized a lot on the actions and demanded the stuntman to do very unreasonable stunts...
B
And durin the filmi of that scene whe he jumpe from a building another

!!
And at the top of this isolated apartment which was about to be demolished, you guys murdered the stuntman!
Even the witness records are out! Someone spotted you guys carrying an unconscious man into a car...
BWA HA-HA
Finally your reasoning is wrong! Stupid detective!!
We didn't use any car at that time...

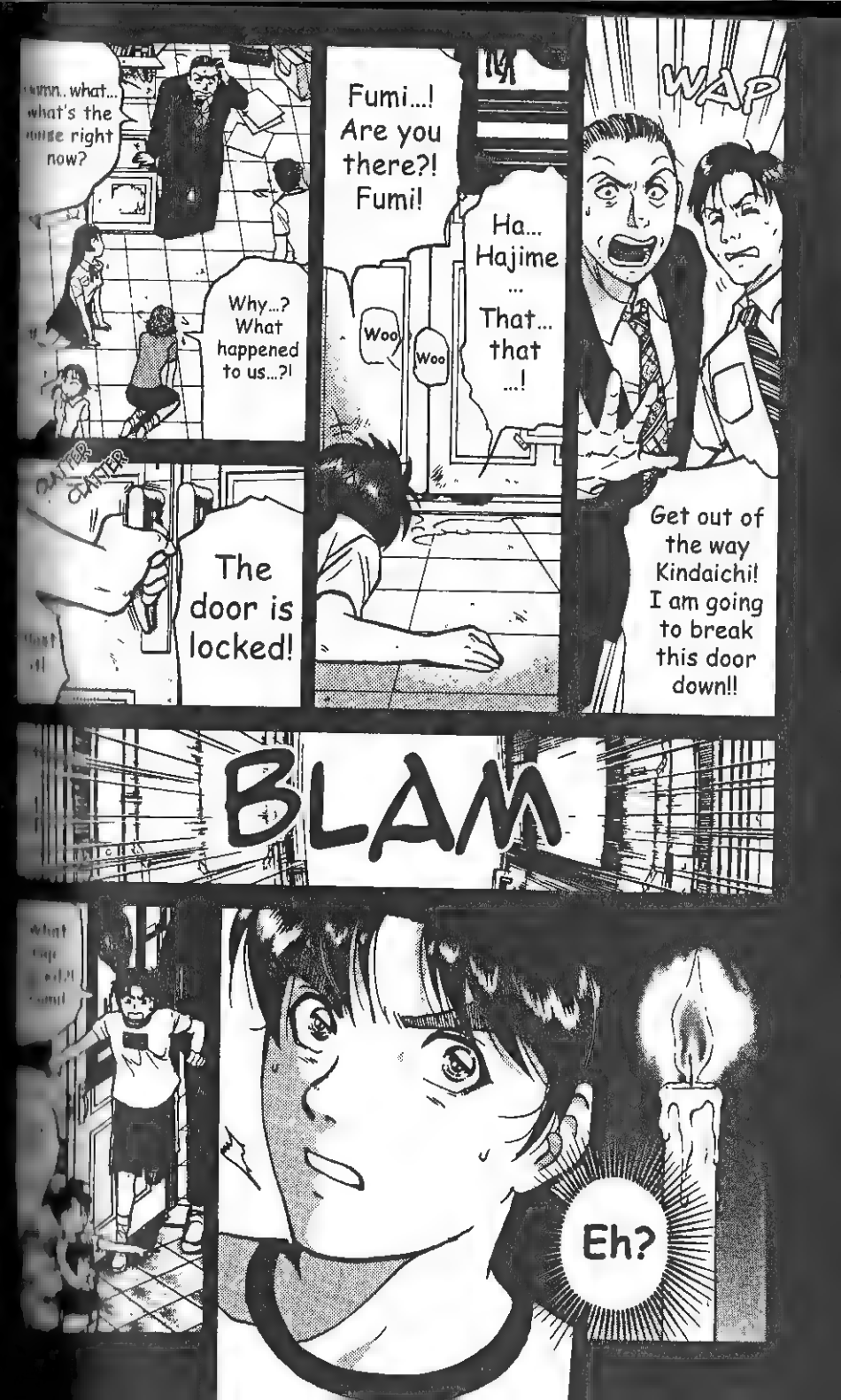
What can you know from such a shadow ...?
...or not, we'll find out by investigating the **shadow**!
A shadow that moves on top of the building is not any ordinary shadow.
It must be an **airship** used for advertisements or something. If that's the case...
From flight records, the route and time can then be determined
On June 25th last year, an airship was flying around Fudosan city area.
THROB THROB
THROB THROB
From the shape of the shadow and its position, the time is **noon**.
I knew a lot through the investigation of the inspector.
THROB THROB
...
At the time the airship was over Fudosan Apartment at Fudosan city Tenth Avenue

AAHHH!
What did you do...?!
GIDDINESS
Eh...
What... what? This sudden drowsiness...?!
GIDDINESS
GIDDINESS
Uh
PAH
PAH
...
Did Kurasawa drugged the oolong tea?!
Why?... ..did
THUMP
Ku... Kurasawa ...!!

Ha?
It's... it's not going to work.
...Shut up!
WHAP
I said, shut up!
UU UNN ?!
TREMBLE

Shit...! Stupid Hajime...!!
Fury
Fury
TAP
TAP
Making me an outcast and gathering all the rest!!
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN
AFTER THE CONFESSION
CHAPTER 4
I will bring all of them out...
FEARFUL

GGGRRRAA
Outr
outr
geous
THUD


Mmm..what... what's the time right now?
Why...? What happened to us...?!
Fumi...! Are you there?! Fumi!
Woo
Woo
Ha... Hajime ... That... that ...!
WAP
Get out of the way Kindaichi! I am going to break this door down!!
CHATTER CHATTER
The door is locked!
BLAM
Eh?

Woo! Wo! Wowow!
What's the matter?! Why did you bark like that...
Exactly what...
Wod
Woa
Hmm ...?
AAAGH!
...F
...Fun

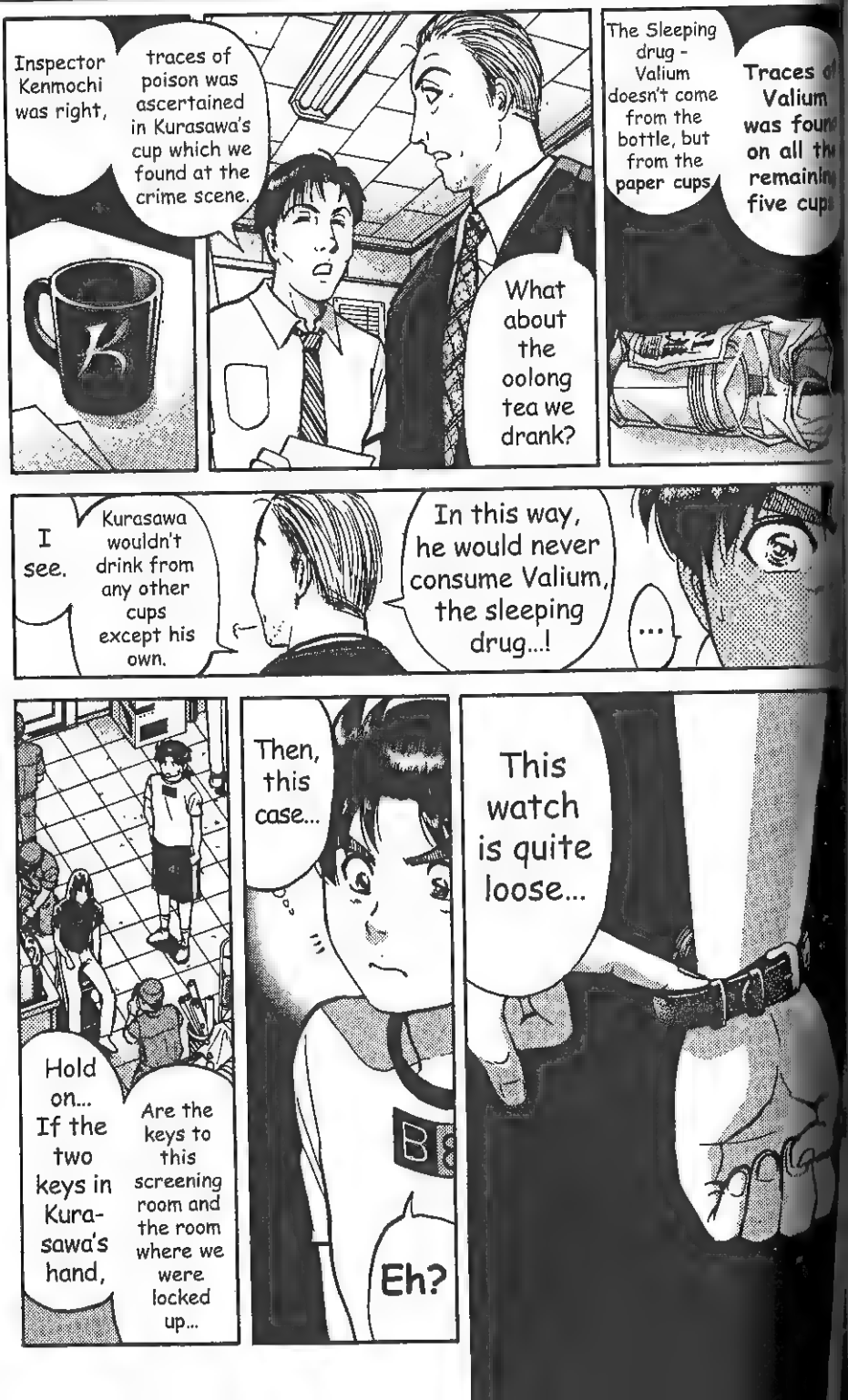
And Kura-sawa !
Where is Mr Kura-sawa?!
Eh eh?
Now that you mentioned he is nowhere
Eh?..
The sound of the movie projector
Can be heard from the screening room
There's someone inside!
Really?! Fumi!
I...I will get the teacher who has the key!
...
CLANG!
CLANG!

Mr Ka...
Kado-wakill
This... this is Scorpio!
A Scorpio formed by candles...!!
?!

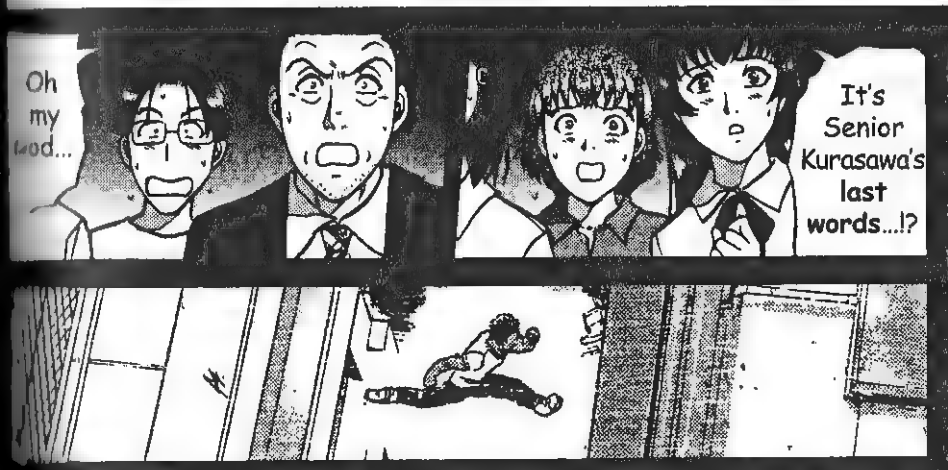
Chair-man Kura-sawa...!
...It's no use! He's already dead...
Most likely poisoned when he drank from this cup.
Dead... even Chair-man Kura-sawa...
...
That... that can't be...
No .....!!

Mr... Kura-sawa?
Mr Kura-sawa...
WHA
TAP
TAP
TAP
Ah! Poalo!!
GRR
Wool! Wool!
?!

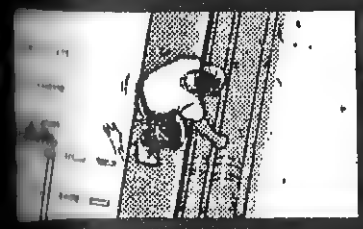
Inspector! The two keys that Kurasawa held...
Yeah...! One belongs to the screening room and the other belongs to the room where we were locked up!
But this key was specially made and duplication is impossible.
And the spare key of either one is kept by the teacher in charge.
When the murder took place, all the windows were locked from the inside...
There is but only one door in or out...
Which means that before we got in here, this room can never be accessed from outside!
...
What is that at the tip of the film?
Ah...that's the splicing tape.


Inspector Kenmochi was right,
traces of poison was ascertained in Kurasawa's cup which we found at the crime scene.
What about the oolong tea we drank?
The Sleeping drug - Valium doesn't come from the bottle, but from the paper cups.
Traces of Valium was found on all the remaining five cups
I see.
Kurasawa wouldn't drink from any other cups except his own.
In this way, he would never consume Valium, the sleeping drug...!
...
Hold on... If the two keys in Kurasawa's hand,
Are the keys to this screening room and the room where we were locked up...
Then, this case...
Eh?
This watch is quite loose...

ALL THE MURDERS WERE EXECUTED BY ME, KURASAWA HIKARU, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SCORPIO. IZUMIYA, SANADA, KADOWAKI & I MUST DIE IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE SIN THAT WE ONCE COMMIT.



"HE", THE STUNTMAN, WAS HIT BY STRONG WIND AND FELL OFF THE BUILDING WHILE DOING THE STUNT.



WE KILLED "HIM"-

Splicing tape?
It's a strong adhesive tape used to join films that are broken up during the editing process.
If you don't stick it well enough it will be like this,
The film will snap when it is rotated inside the projector.
You know this quite well!
I was formally from a movie club.
Inspector! As for this film which Kurasawa was watching before he died...
Can we join back the snapped portions and watch it?
CLACK
This... this is...
Scor
piol

The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation

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This is the movie that was claimed to be lost?!
...
As expected, it was still around!
Are exactly similar to the murders in the movies.
Kindaichi... it seems that the case has been solved!
...

AT THAT TIME, ALTHOUGH THE FOUR OF US SECRETLY BURIED HIS BODY AND TRIED TO COVER UP THE FACTS OF THE MURDER, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SIN WAS TORTURING ME ALL THE WHILE.

I HEREBY CONCLUDE THIS "CHAPTER OF MURDERS" WITH MY DEATH &
PRESENT TO YOU THE REAL ACTOR OF "THE TRAGEDY OF THE SCOPIO
CONSTELLATION", HIM-

- HONDA KAGEYUKI -

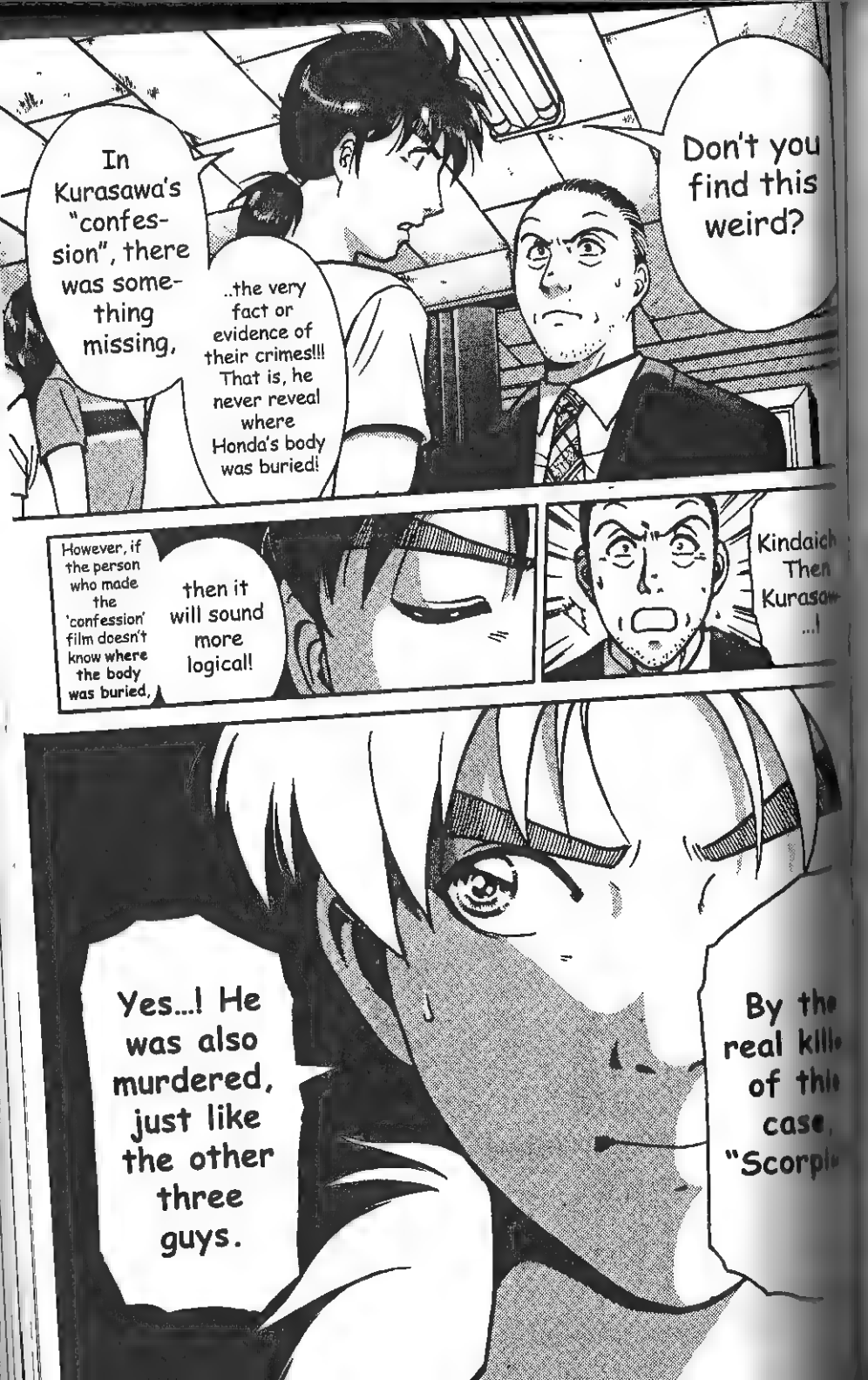
According to astrology, although Kurasawa senior is gifted with a talent of a genius,
His fate showed strong signs of self-destruction...
He...
...
Lost to the fate of the dark star...
Eh?
All the sudden the movie changed...
It became a comedy!
True! But why?
...

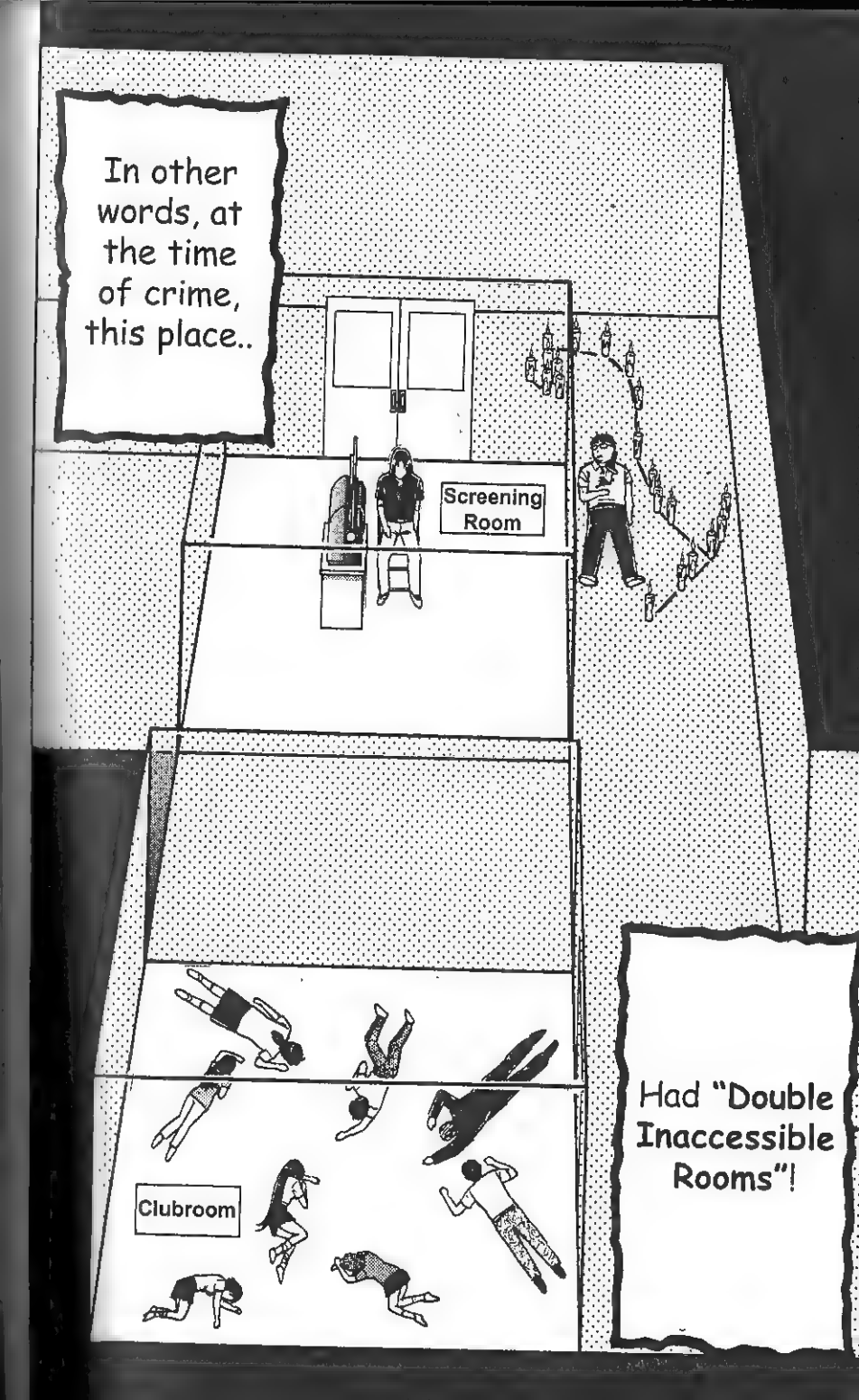
After making us sleep by putting valium drug in our cups,
Kurasawa killed Kadowaki and dragged his body out to the corridor.
He then locked us up with the key from outside.
Then he arranged the candles around the body into the shape of a scorpio just like the scene in the movie.
Next... Kurasawa entered the screening room and locked up the door from the inside...
Watching the film with the "suicide note" that was prepared beforehand,
He drank the poison and concluded the "episodes of murders".
It can't be... Chairman Kurasawa can't be the killer.
Mr Kurasawa ...
Ooo... ooo... oo...
Don't cry Miss Hashi

That's it...!
As I expected ...!!
What?
Kurasawa didn't commit suicide !?
Yes! If Kurasawa wanted to die in the first place,
It would be unnatural to order such a large quantity of film when Izumiya died.
Sounds logical ...
If he's going to die, he won't need the film!
Although he admitted that they caused Honda's death...
ALL THE MURDERS WERE EXECUTED BY ME, KURASAWA HIKARU, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SCORPIO. IZUMIYA, SANADA, KADOWAKI & I MUST DIE IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE SIN THAT WE ONCE COMMIT.
He never mention a single word about where the body was buried!

...I don't think this is the end of the story, Hajime.
Eh? This...
The unused film that Chairman had ordered in the past is here.
Unused film?
When did Mr Kurasawa order this?
...when Senji Izumiya was murdered and entangled with film
Because of that, all the film were used up...
And so Chairman ordered some more.
And to think that so much arrived and we aren't going to use the film anymore...
What's wrong Hajime

What ...?!
Considering the information I have gathered so far, the killer "Scorpio"...
Was also locked inside the room together with us...
One of the three female club members ...
It can't be wrong!
But... but Kindaichi!


Don't you find this weird?
In Kurasawa's "confession", there was something missing,
..the very fact or evidence of their crimes!!! That is, he never reveal where Honda's body was buried!
Kindaichi Then Kurasaw...!
However, if the person who made the 'confession' film doesn't know where the body was buried,
then it will sound more logical!
Yes...! He was also murdered, just like the other three guys.
By the real kill of this case, "Scorpi


In other words, at the time of crime, this place..
Screening Room
Clubroom
Had "Double Inaccessible Rooms"!

The screening room Kurasawa was in was inaccessible from outside, and
The key was held in Kurasawa's hand right?
What ?!
Inspector Kenmochi... that's not the only room that cannot be accessed from the outside at that time!
The clubroom is also similar to the screening room, without the key, it's not possible to lock the door from outside or inside.
The room where we were locked, that room...
Was also inaccessible from outside!!
And there is not a single window or door for people to enter or exit...
The only key to the room was held in Kurasawa's hand together with the screening room key

THE NEW
KINDAICHI DETECTIVE FILES
The Silver Screen Killer "Scorpio"
Hashino Kanae
Yusa Chiemi
Kurokawa Miho
One of them...

Double Inaccessible Rooms?!
That...that can't be...!! It's impossible to kill Mr Kurasawa in an inaccessible room while the killer was in another inaccessible room!!
No! There must be some kind of trick!
Just watch...! I'll definitely solve this mystery!!
To uphold the reputation of
My grandpa!!

Eh?
Are you cleaning up? Miss Hoshino...
Ah... Kindaichi!
I was instructed by the teacher-in-charge to clean up the place.
Seeing that the club is going to be shut down.
because club was lub where murders urred!
Yusa.
I am sorry but I don't wish to follow Chairman Kurasawa all the way till the end!
It's too much... killing three people and then commit suicide, was he trying to be the lead actor of a movie?

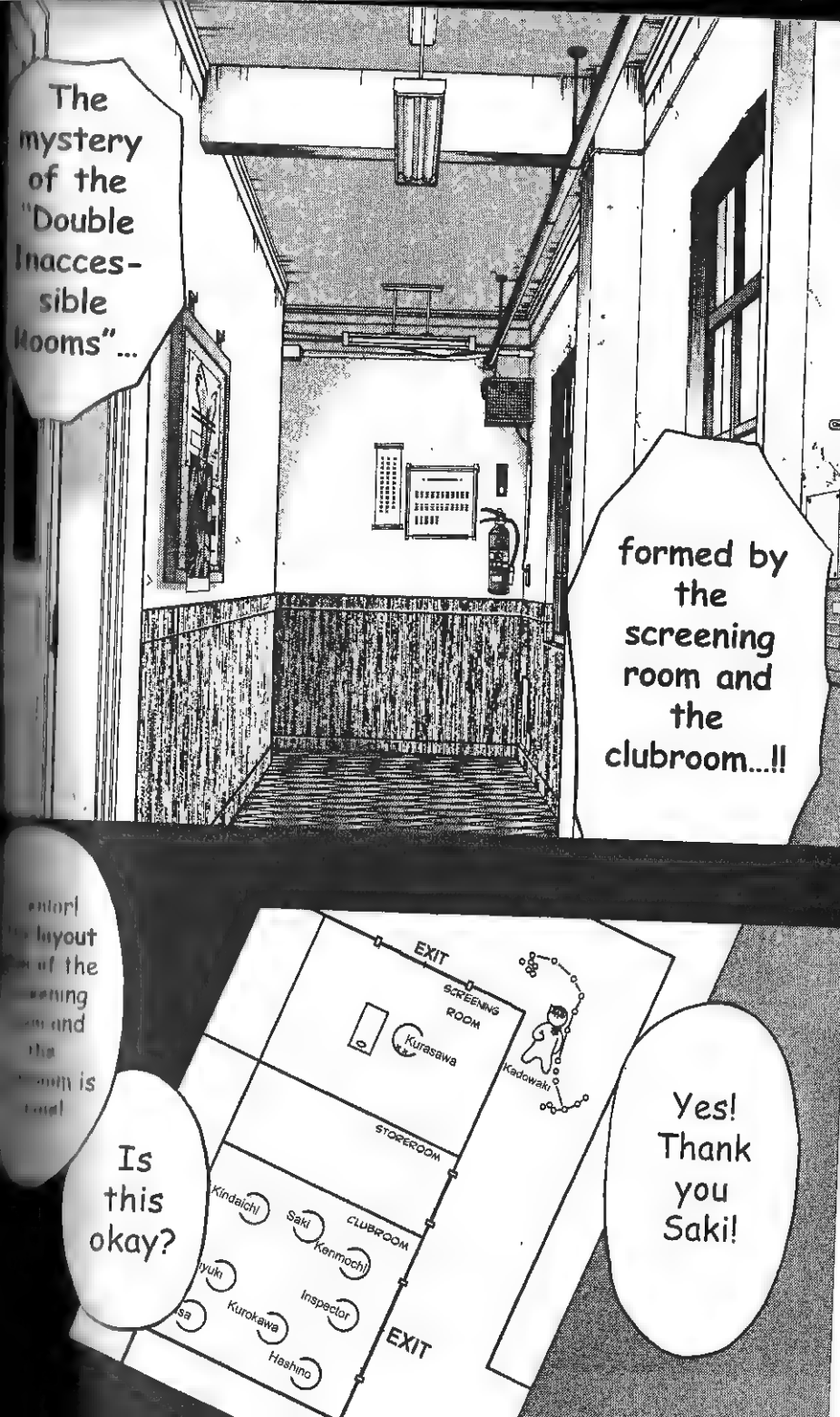
PHANTOM of the SILVER SCREEN
WHY DID POALO BARK?
CHAPTER 5

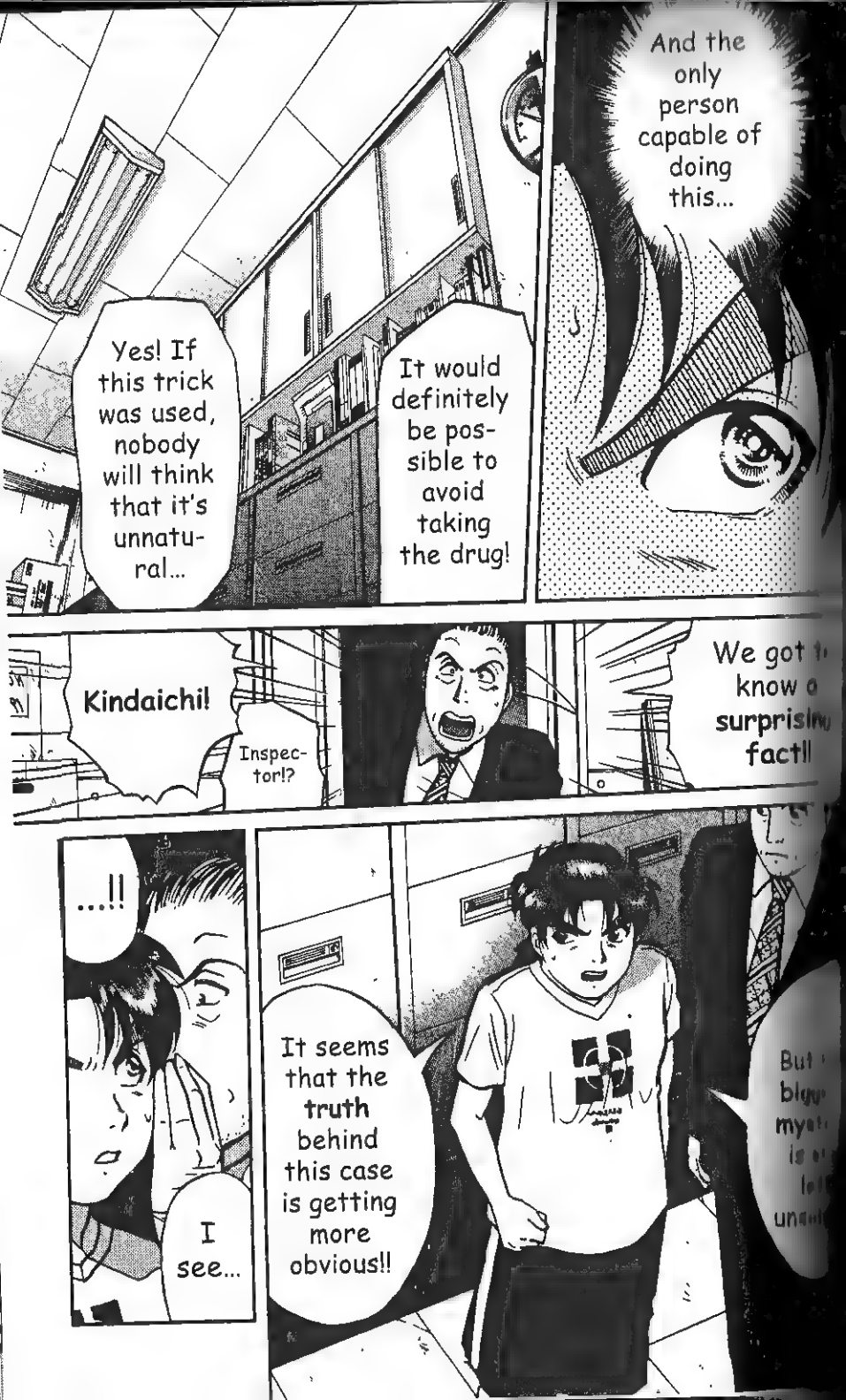
TAP
I gotta throw the rubbish!
She's concurrently ruled by Mars and Pluto,
And so there are times when she cannot control her feelings.
Ah! Let me help out with the cleaning.
Me too.
Really!? Thanks Yuki! Can you help me with that?!
Eh...? There are so many paper cups left.
What shall I do with them?
PAPER CUPS
1 DOZEN
We can still use the cups, Please put it over there.

How can you say that!! Chairman Kurasawa was trying to settle the past all by himself.
Sucks! And we're the ones who got involved! How unfortunate!
You shouldn't be talking bad about a dead person who can't reason with you.
Surely you know how our Miss Hoshino was fond of Chairman Kurasawa, right?
Senior Kuro-kawa!
Enough! Miss Yusa.
TOC
Don't tell me you hated Chair-man so much...
So much that you even want to reproach him after his death!

I don't know ..!
Maybe there isn't a way to avoid taking the drug...
There is...
Eh?
Really ?! Hajime!
There is a way to naturally avoid taking the sleeping drug Valium from the paper cup!!
There is!!

Isn't this simple?!
The killer just pretend to drink when actually she did not swallow anything at all!
This cannot be true!! Because my video clip...
Showed all the empty cups after everybody drank.
It would be very obvious to leave the drink untouched in that narrow room and under such heat whereby everybody finished up all their tea in one go!
No way! If you do this, it will be more obvious than not drinking it!
It can never escape one's eyes.
Eh...?! Hmmm... Then... how...
PAPER CUPS
1 DOZEN
There are cups left they are to contain drug.
...? Wait...

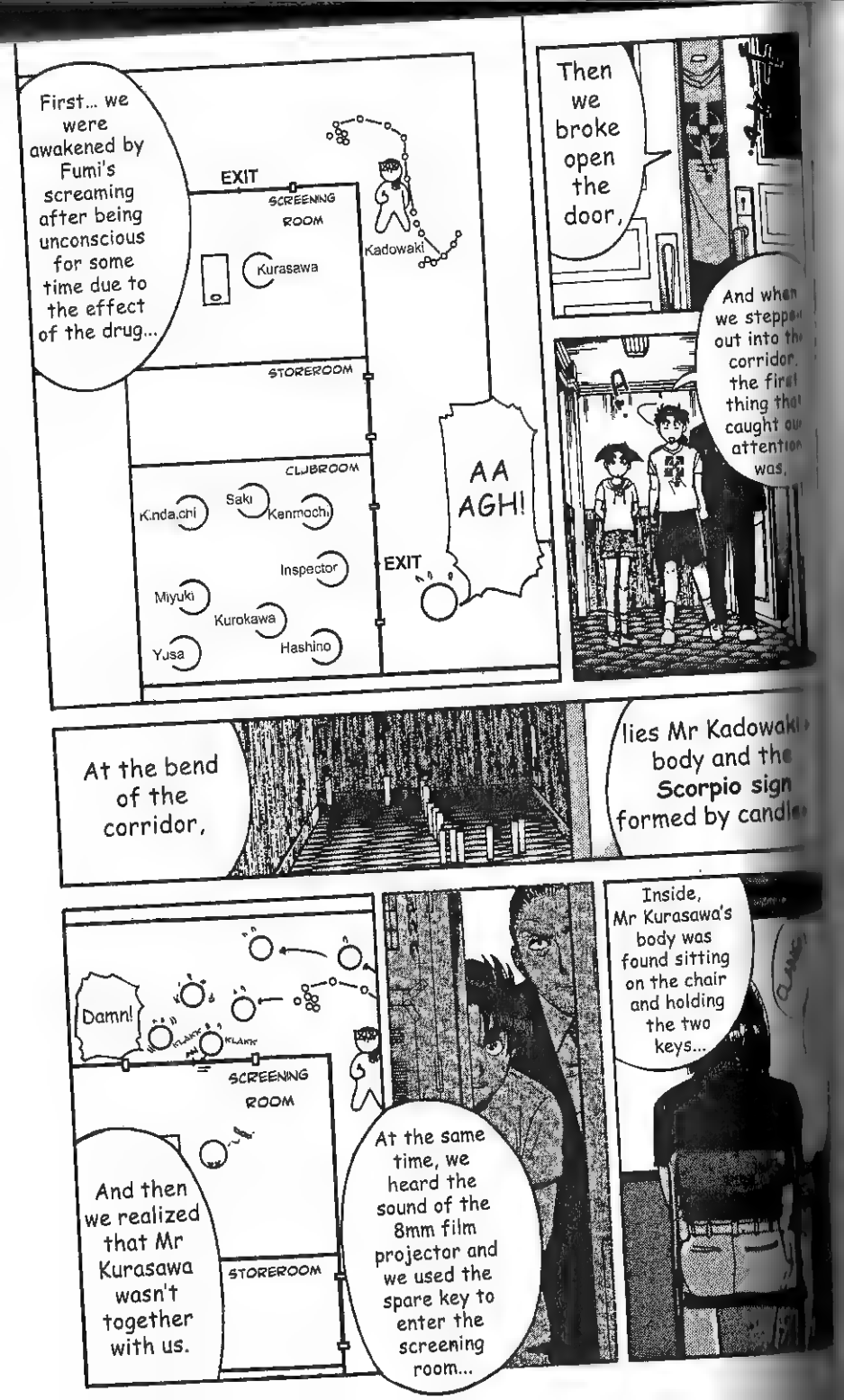

The mystery of the "Double Inaccessible Rooms"...
formed by the screening room and the clubroom...!!
Is this okay?
EXIT
SCREENING ROOM
Kurasawa
Kadowaki
STOREROOM
CLUBROOM
Kindaichi
Saki
Kenmochi
Yuki
Inspector
Kurokawa
Hoshino
EXIT
Yes! Thank you Saki!

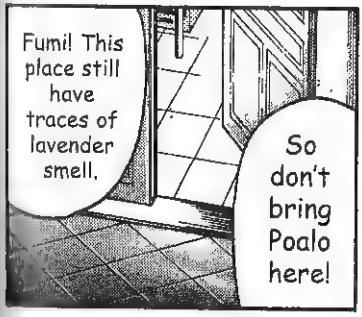

Yes! If this trick was used, nobody will think that it's unnatural...
It would definitely be possible to avoid taking the drug!
And the only person capable of doing this...
Kindaichi!
Inspector!?
We got to know a surprising fact!!
...!!
I see...
It seems that the truth behind this case is getting more obvious!!

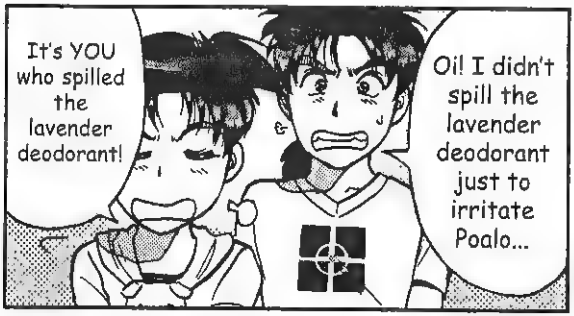
Thanks Inspector!
I understand you want to reenact the scene of the crime once more..
But why emphasize so much on his watch?
Look at the holes on the belt!
There is a mark on the third hole from inside, right?
Kurasawa always used this hole to wear his watch.
From all angles, it appeared to be very loose.
I kept thinking that this might be related to the murder.
But when Kurasawa's body was discovered, the watch belt..
Was strapped such that the outermost hole was used instead.
Alright! ...We are starting the reenactment.
Everybody, assemble at the clubroom!

Eh?
What are you so frightened about, Saki! This is the dummy doll which belongs to the club.
YEEARGH !!
Kura-sawa's ...body?!
Scared scared t hell out me..
Why you earl
Hajime...! I've arranged the candles just like the Scorpio at that time...!!
Thank you Fumi!
Kin-daichi!
Yes... Look!
Kura sawa wat

Ah!!
CLANG!
Oops! At that time the film was supposed to be in 2 pieces!
What! Then we cannot reenact anymore!
Erm... where was it supposed to snap into two?
Hmm... Ah! Here!
The splicing tape came off at this point.
Isn't this...the spot where the movie suddenly changed...
Eh... So it seems.
Eh?
..Eh?
Maybe this...


First... we were awakened by Fumi's screaming after being unconscious for some time due to the effect of the drug...
EXIT
SCREENING ROOM
Kurasawa
Kadowaki
STOREROOM
CLUBROOM
Kinda.chi
Saki
Kenmochi
Inspector
Miyuki
Kurokawa
Yusa
Hashino
AA AGH!
EXIT
Then we broke open the door,
And when we stepped out into the corridor, the first thing that caught our attention was,
At the bend of the corridor,
lies Mr Kadowaki's body and the Scorpio sign formed by candles
Damn!
KLANK
KLANK
SCREENING ROOM
STOREROOM
And then we realized that Mr Kurasawa wasn't together with us.
At the same time, we heard the sound of the 8mm film projector and we used the spare key to enter the screening room...
Inside, Mr Kurasawa's body was found sitting on the chair and holding the two keys...





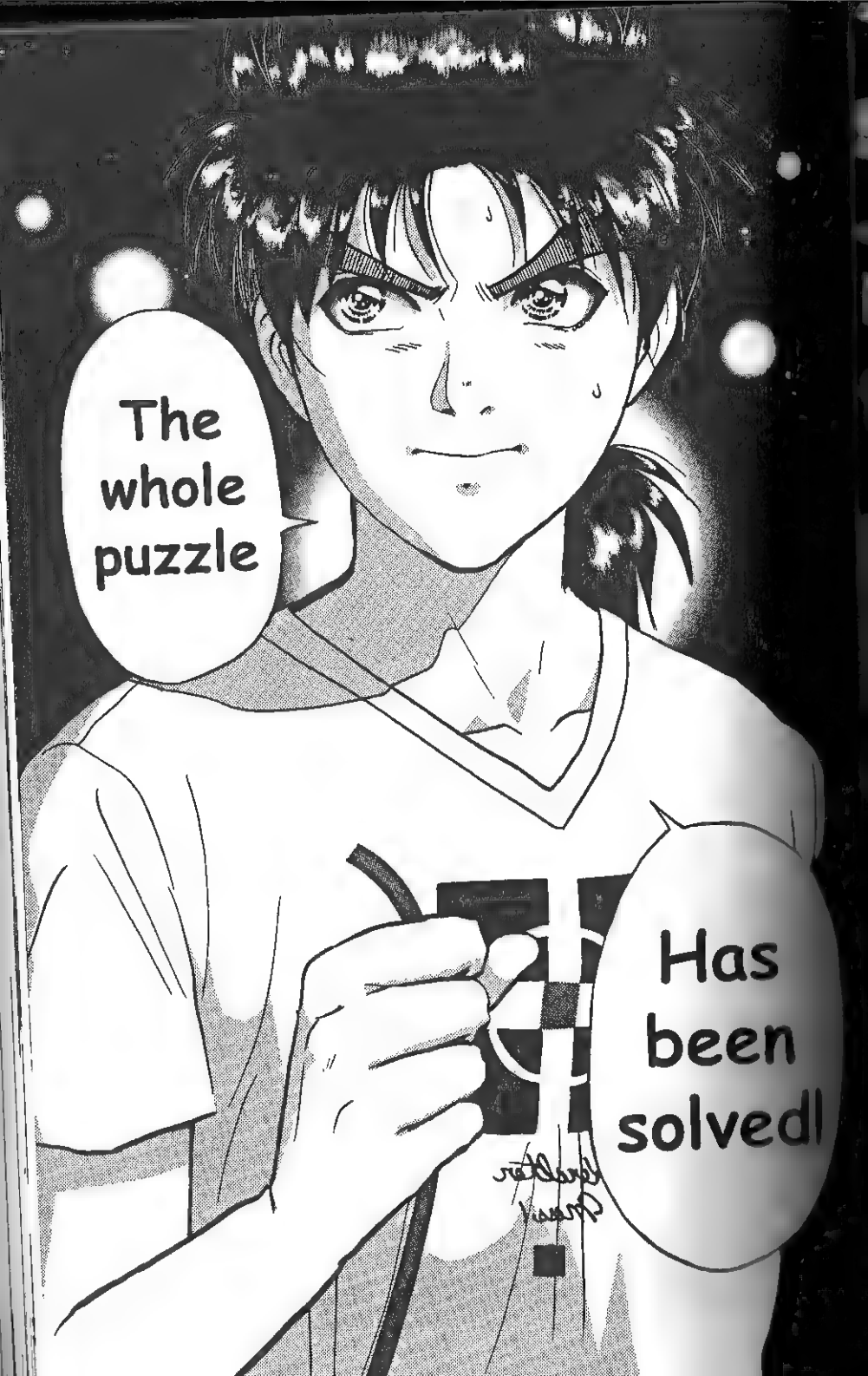
At that time Poalo barked at Kurasawa's hand...

What happened!? Fumi!!
Eh?
Eh?
WOOW
WOO
WOO
Oi...Oi! Poalo!!
Eh? Miss Hashino?
I...I was trying to stroke him when he suddenly barked...
Ah...Maybe you've touched something that has a lavender smell?
Laven-der? Yes... yes...
I wiped the lavender deodorant you spilled yester-day.
That's it! Your hand must have smelled of lavender.
This dog hates lavender smell so it barked furiously!

!!
I see!!
SNAP
I got it...!
The trick to the double inaccessible room...!
So...
CLENCH
Yes...

WHRRR
WHRRR
BAP BAP
Don't tell me!!
SCREENING ROOM
What happened, Hajime!!
What... what are you doing? Senior!
WAH

What's going on? Gathering us at such a place!
Well, just wait a little while...
Do you feel warm here?
Ah...! Yes.
Please
Turn-ing


The whole puzzle
Has been solved!

The cup,
In your hand now...
Would reveal to us...
The true identity of the actual killer "Scorpio"!

Hold on!
Don't pour th drink in the pap cup ye
Eh?
Actually I am about to expose the true identity of "Scor-pio"...
The kille who kille four mem bers o Fudou H School Fine A Movie Resea Child
Scor-pio!
But...isn't the killer Chairman Kurasawa...
He is also a victim of "Scor pio"!

These paper cups...
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN
Will tell us the true identity of the actual killer "Scorpio" ...?!
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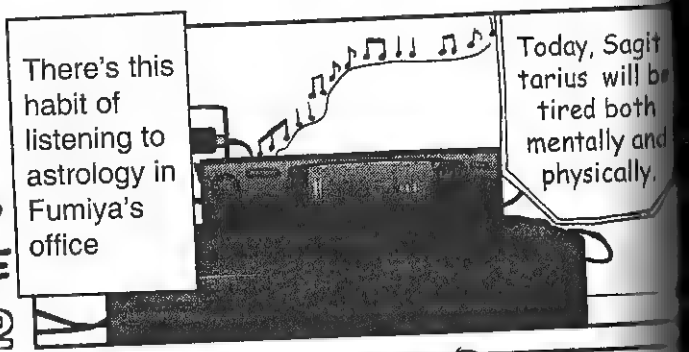
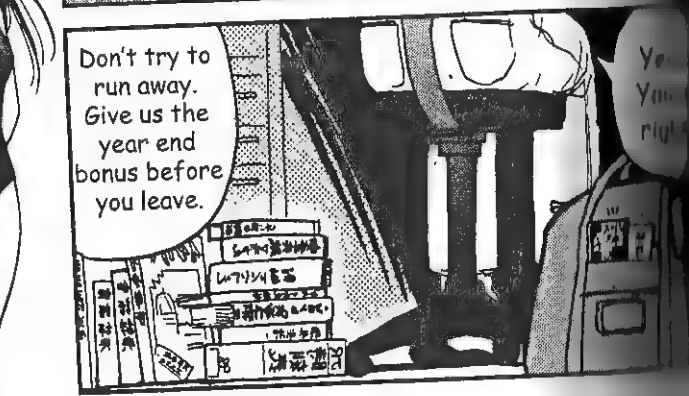
-THE MAGICAL EQUATION

NEW

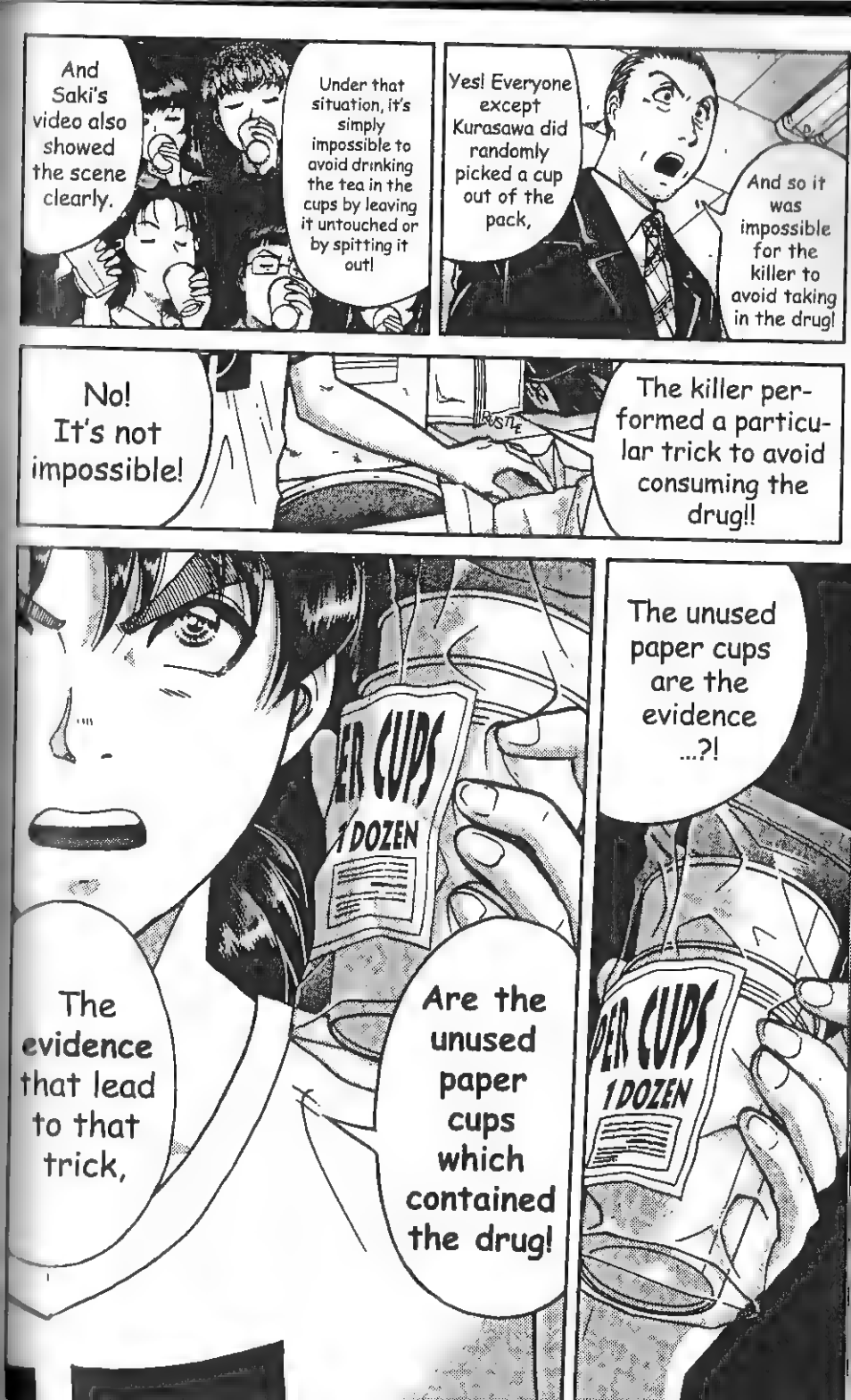
SIX WORRIES THEATRE PART 2


There's this habit of listening to astrology in Fumiya's office
Today, Sagittarius will be tired both mentally and physically.

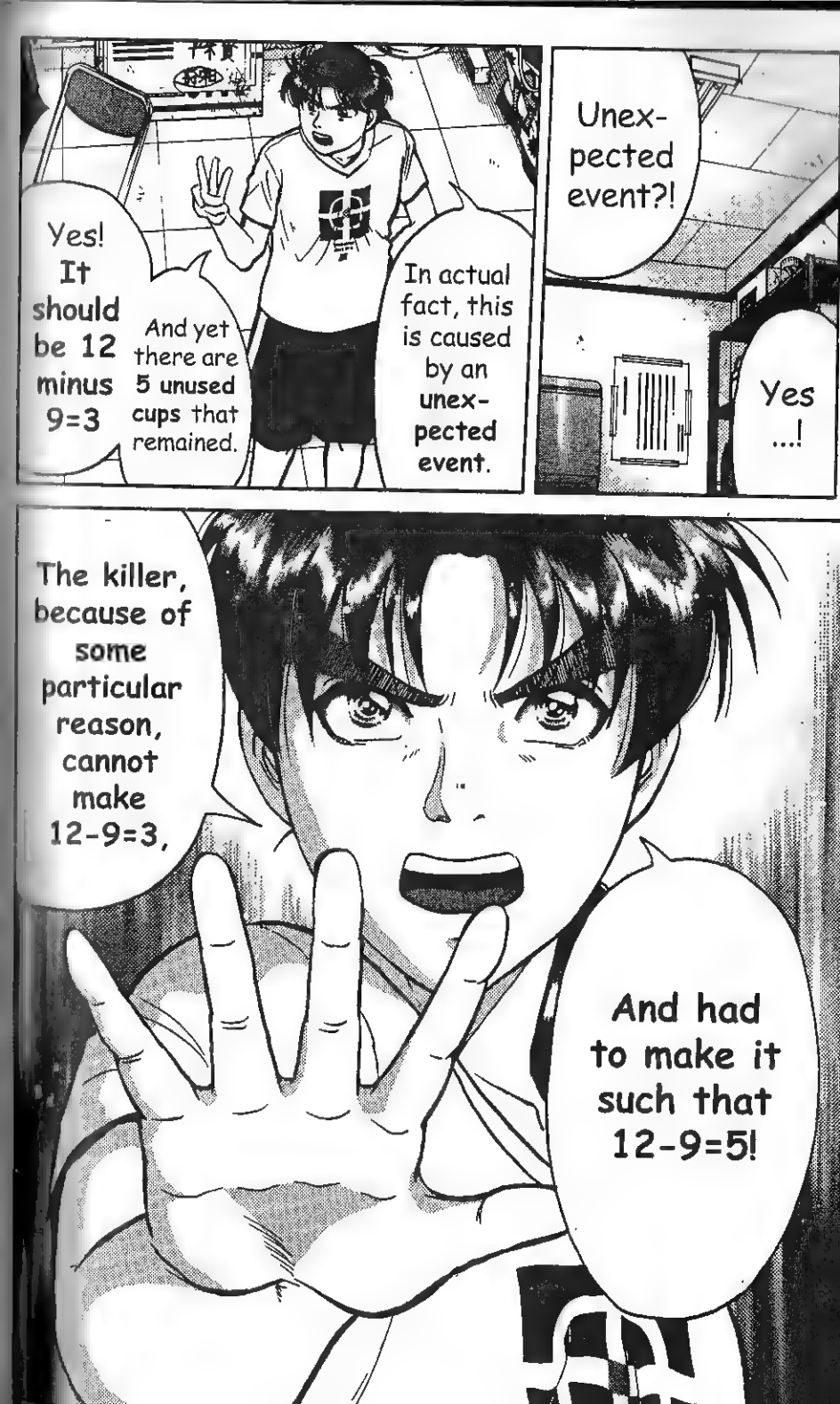


The killer who killed Chairman Kurasawa and the rest...!!
...!!
is... is one of us...
Yes...the real killer used a variety of tricks,
to shift the blame to Chairman Kurasawa before killing him.
one of these psychological tricks,
Is to make us unconscious by putting sleeping pills into the paper cups!
what do you mean by psychological tricks?
At the club, whenever we drink something, we would definitely use the paper cups...
But only Kurasawa used his own mug...

Yes! And what's more, judging from all aspects...
The actual killer "Scorpio" who killed Kurasawa and the rest,
Is one of the three female members of the club...!

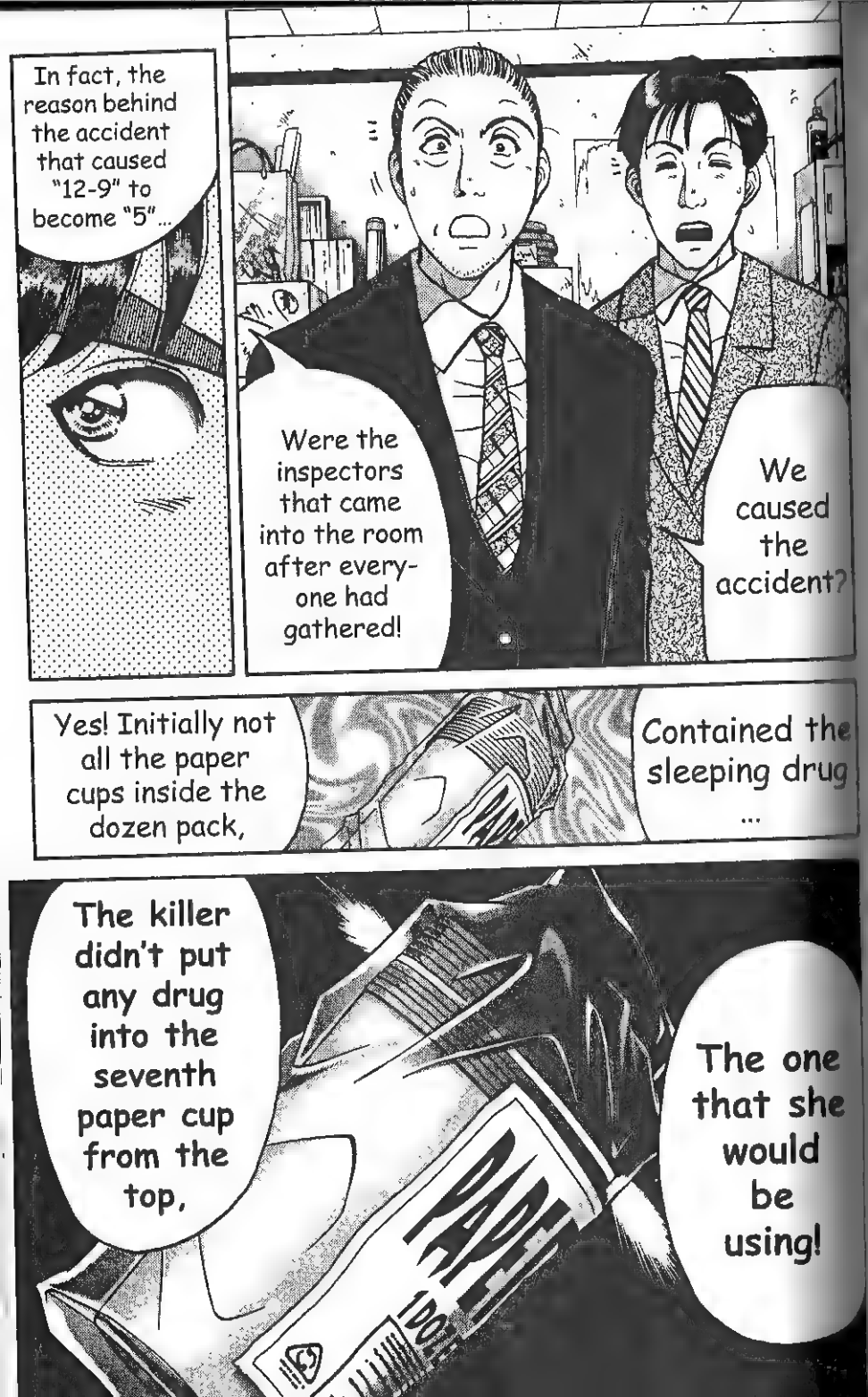

And Saki's video also showed the scene clearly.
Under that situation, it's simply impossible to avoid drinking the tea in the cups by leaving it untouched or by spitting it out!
Yes! Everyone except Kurasawa did randomly picked a cup out of the pack,
And so it was impossible for the killer to avoid taking in the drug!
No! It's not impossible!
The killer performed a particular trick to avoid consuming the drug!!
ER CUPS
1 DOZEN
The evidence that lead to that trick,
Are the unused paper cups which contained the drug!
The unused paper cups are the evidence ...?!
ER CUPS
1 DOZEN

Which allows the killer to create a scenario to make us believe that nothing else except the paper cups contained the drug,
and in the process trying to frame Kurasawa who used his own mug...!
But in actual fact, Kurasawa was killed by
a slow-acting poison inside his own mug!!
...
But...if we think of it this way, there is a big mystery left for us to solve.
The killer had used the same paper cups, which contained the sleeping drug, like the rest of us.
Mystery ...?
So how could she avoid consuming the drug?!


Yes! It should be 12 minus 9=3
And yet there are 5 unused cups that remained.
In actual fact, this is caused by an unexpected event.
Unexpected event?!
Yes ...!
The killer, because of some particular reason, cannot make 12-9=3,
And had to make it such that 12-9=5!

At that time, The people who drank the oolong tea using the paper cups were...me, Miyuki, Saki,
Kadowaki, Kurokawa, Hashino, Yusa and the inspectors who came in, altogether 9 persons...
Now, by looking at the remaining paper cups, don't you find anything unusual?
Anything unusual ...?
Eh...? 2 more!!
Eh?! More?
1 dozen is 12 and 12-9=3 right?
PER CUPS
1 DOZEN
After 9 persons had taken the cups, it's strange that 5 cups are left!
Yes... now that you mentioned,
Weird...at that time, everybody took out the cups from the pack which had just been opened!
And we took out the cups directly from the pack

What did you say?!
The paper cup which didn't contain any drug in the beginning!!
That's why she was very worried when she saw them coming,
Actually, regarding the things you wanted me to check...
Hm I see.
...prior to that, she had already drugged the paper cups!
According to the killer's plan, the number of people gathered here, except for Kurasawa, was 7 people.
The killer did not expect the inspectors to arrive!
It's possible that she'd hastily picked up two clean used cups from the rubbish bin,
added the same drug to them,
And then opened up the pack and put them on top of the pack nonchalantly.


In fact, the reason behind the accident that caused "12-9" to become "5"...
We caused the accident?
Were the inspectors that came into the room after everyone had gathered!
Contained the sleeping drug ...
Yes! Initially not all the paper cups inside the dozen pack,
The one that she would be using!
The killer didn't put any drug into the seventh paper cup from the top,
PAPER

By the way ...
!!
This can be proven by the "paper cup" you're holding in your hand!
...
?
When the drink is poured into the cups,
The real identity of the bloody killer, "Scorpio", will be revealed!

That's how the weird mathematics equation was created.
12
?
?
5
?
In other words, there were 2 more cups instead of the 12 cups as indicated by the pack.
There were 14 cups inside the pack.
But... I still don't understand...
Even if one of the paper cups did not contain the drug in the first place...
There wasn't any order in distributing the paper cups...
And it would be even more unnatural to insist on choosing a particular cup right?
...No that's not true!
Eh?
Among us...
There is only one person who could have done this naturally ...!!

YAA AAA AAGH !?
KER-PLASH
The water in your paper cup turned into a bloody red colour!
The real killer ...
ROLLING
Is none other than you!

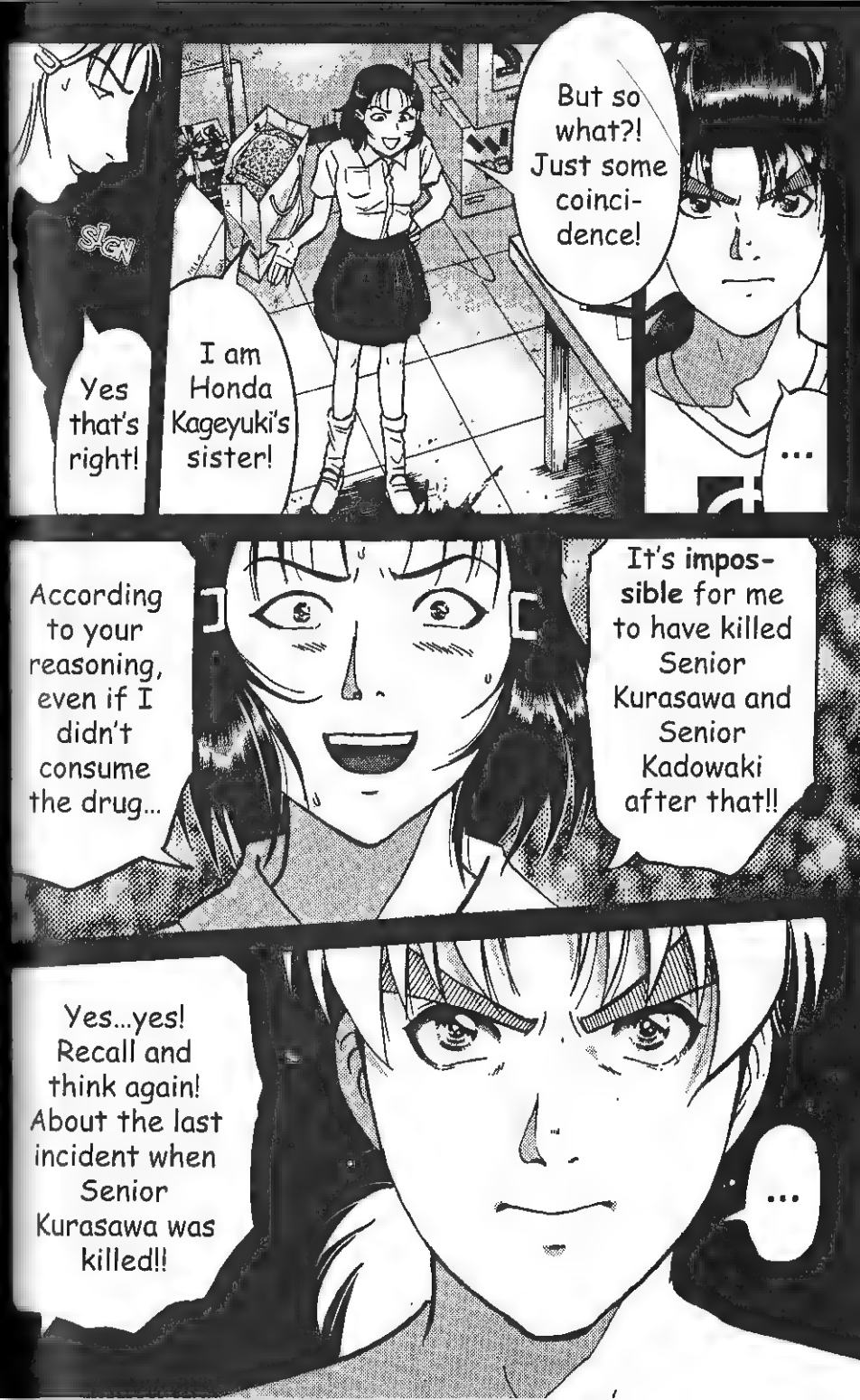
The paper cup which did not contain any drug was the ninth cup from the top, including the two paper cups for the inspectors.
DISSOLVE
...
DISSOLVE
And the last person among the nine of us who took the paper cup from the pack would be able to avoid taking in the drug...
....
DISSOLVE
In other words, the killer...
Wouldn't look unnatural at all by taking the last paper cup,
SSS
Which means that she must be the person giving out the paper cups...
DISSOLVE
...
And... look...
FSSSIP
SYRUP!
!?

You're the so-called "Scorpio"!!
Yusa is...
The killer who killed Senior Kurasawa?!

...
Ah...
Yusa Chiemi
You are the one who killed Izumiya, Sanada, Kadowaki and Kurasawa, the 4 of them,
And tried t
put all t
blame
Kura

But... but why Yusa...?
...To revenge!
For her very own brother...!
rother?
The parents of Honda Kageyuki, who were killed by Kurasawa and his friends, divorced five years ago.
And the surname of Honda's mother is "Yusa"...!
That means ...!!
got to know through Inspector mochi's vesti- ation!
Honda followed his father...and his sister, 2 years younger than him, went with her mother.
Ah!

...
Keeping in mind the number of people that will be present, I prepared the cups beforehand. In the ninth paper cup from the top of the pack,
I imitated your "paper cup psychological trick" which you used then,
Exactly!
I'd added a chemical that turned red when mixed together with the liquid from the bottle.
You are the junior, the lowest in terms of rank and status in this club...
...
So naturally, you are in the position to do all the miscellaneous chores.
And you made use of this "position"!
As usual, being the one giving out the paper cups you had yet again succeeded in taking your paper cup last!!


Yes that's right!
I am Honda Kageyuki's sister!
But so what?! Just some coincidence!
...
According to your reasoning, even if I didn't consume the drug...
It's impossible for me to have killed Senior Kurasawa and Senior Kadowaki after that!!
Yes...yes! Recall and think again! About the last incident when Senior Kurasawa was killed!!
...

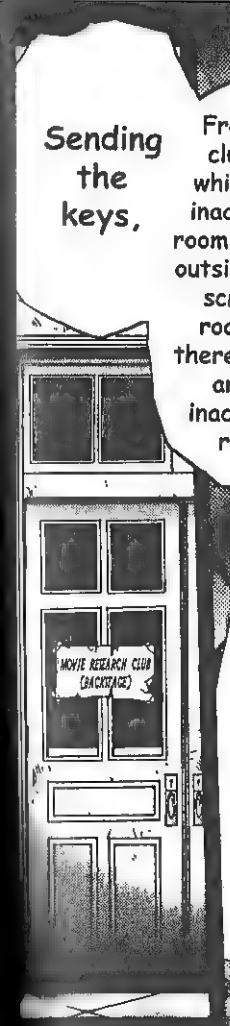
...
Yusa Chiemi is the sister of...
the deceased Honda Kageyuki !!
What... what did you say!!
Miss Yusa ...?!

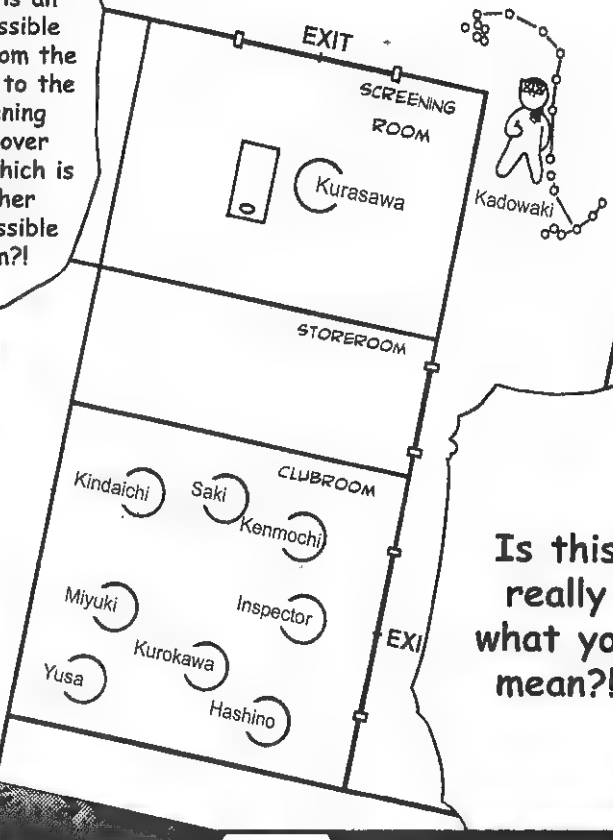
You created that "double inaccessible rooms"!!
What...what do you mean?!
But...but without the keys, the doors to this clubroom and the screening room cannot be locked!
Vrs!
The keys are here now...
Eh?! What are you doing...
...
By doing this, the clubroom is inaccessible from outside, and the same was done to screening room over there!
In other words, we're now in the same situation as before!

When we regain consciousness, this clubroom and the screening room where Chairman Kurasawa was found were both locked,
And the 2 keys were both held by the chairman!
Chairman died in the screening room, which is an inaccessible room from the outside.
Yes. You can do something.
And how could I do anything when I was locked in this clubroom, another inaccessible room from the outside?!
AH
While you were in this clubroom

Sending the keys,

From this clubroom which is an inaccessible room from the outside to the screening room over there which is another inaccessible room?!





Is this really what you mean?!

...

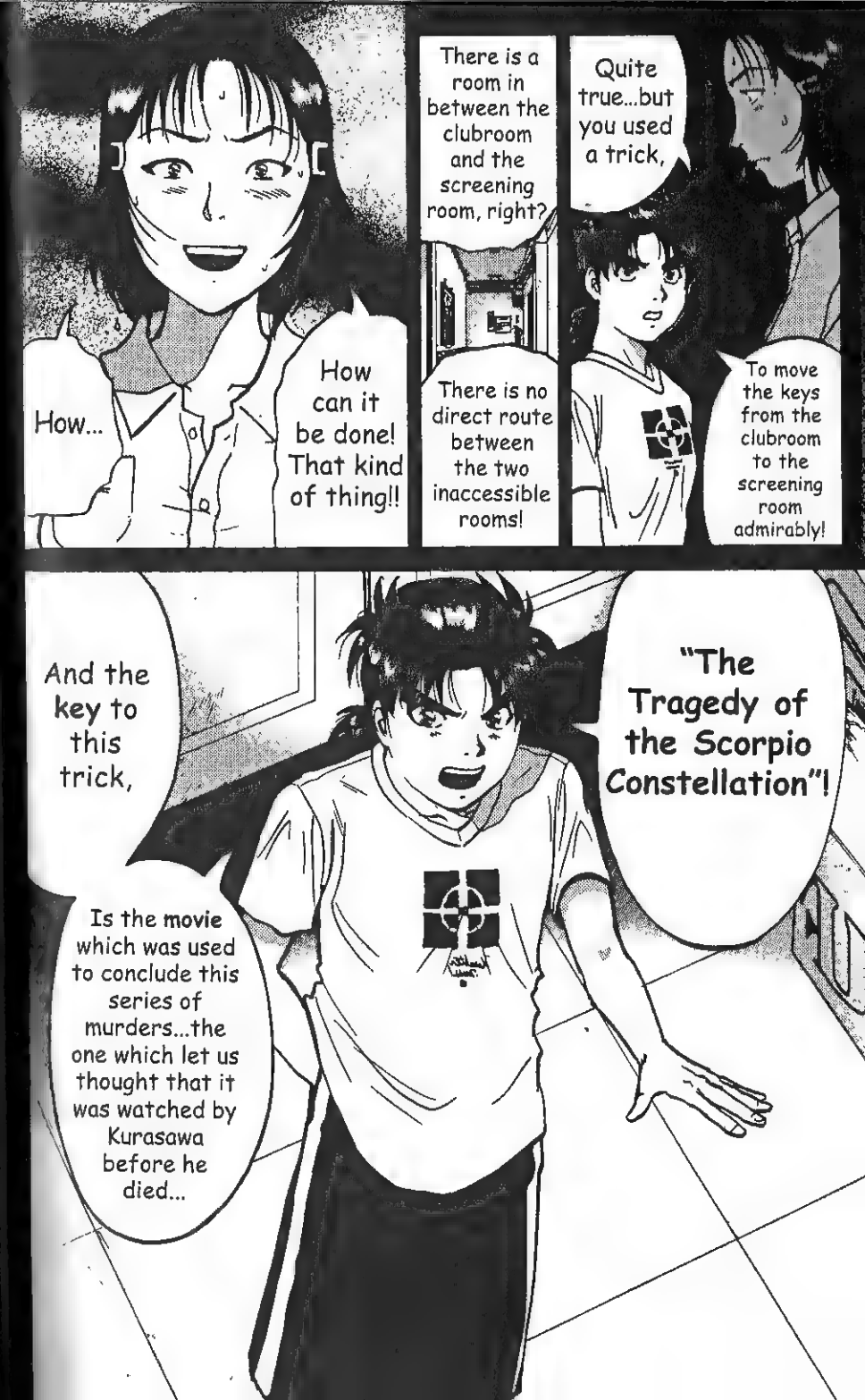
Can you really do such a thing? Kindaichi!!

Yes! I can!

CLANK

In fact, the killer did manage to 'deliver' the keys to the hands of the deceased Kurasawa in the screening room,

Starting from now, I will slip the keys through the walls of the "double inaccessible rooms"
And show all of you how the keys can be delivered to the screening room where the body was found!
Just like how you did it that time...!
...!!


How...
How can it be done! That kind of thing!!
There is a room in between the clubroom and the screening room, right?
There is no direct route between the two inaccessible rooms!
Quite true...but you used a trick,
To move the keys from the clubroom to the screening room admirably!
"The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"!
And the key to this trick,
Is the movie which was used to conclude this series of murders...the one which let us thought that it was watched by Kurasawa before he died...

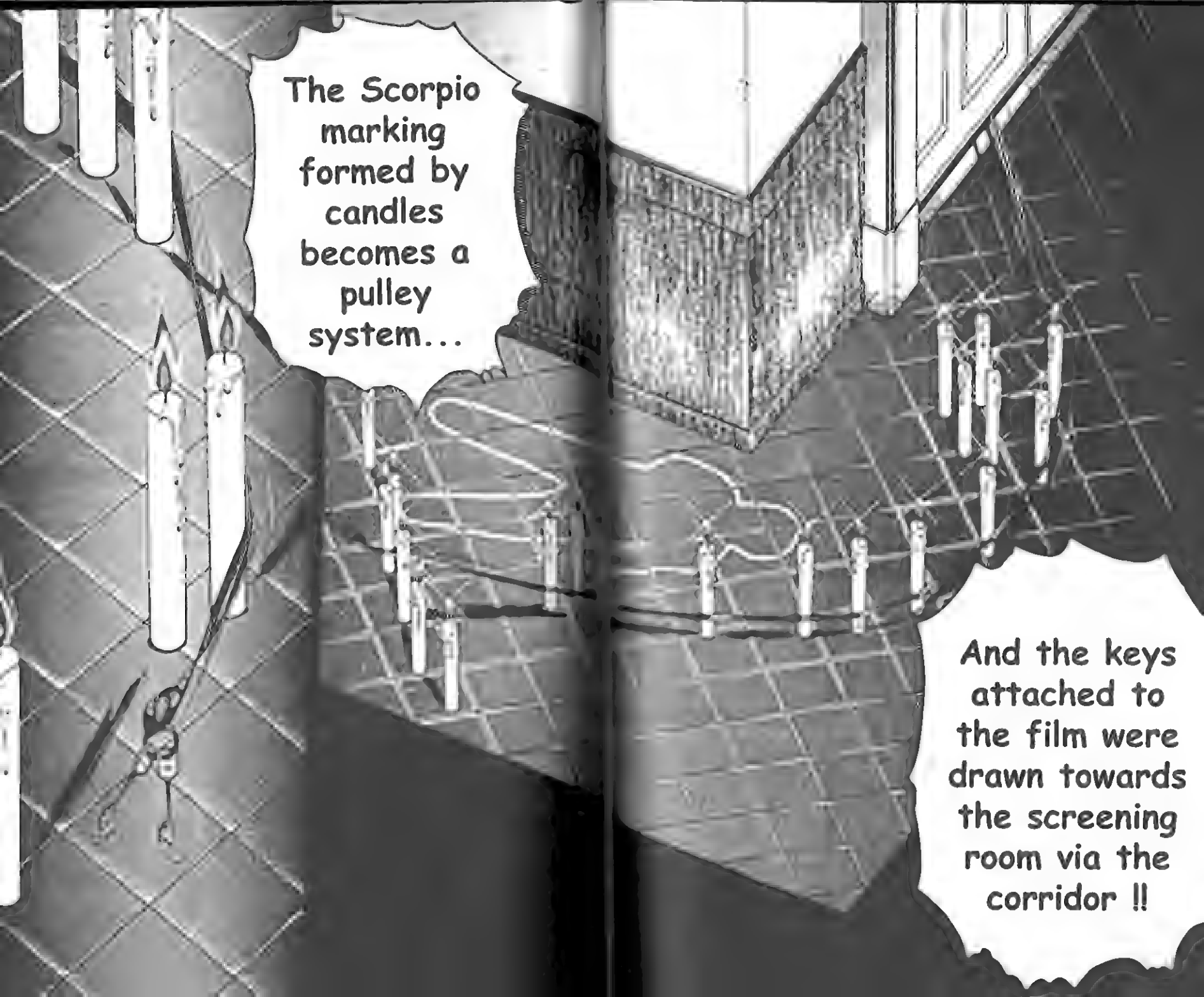
CHAPTER 7
THE TRUTH II-OVERCOMING THE "DOUBLE INACCESSIBLE ROOMS"
In so doing created the "double inaccessible rooms" scenario!
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN

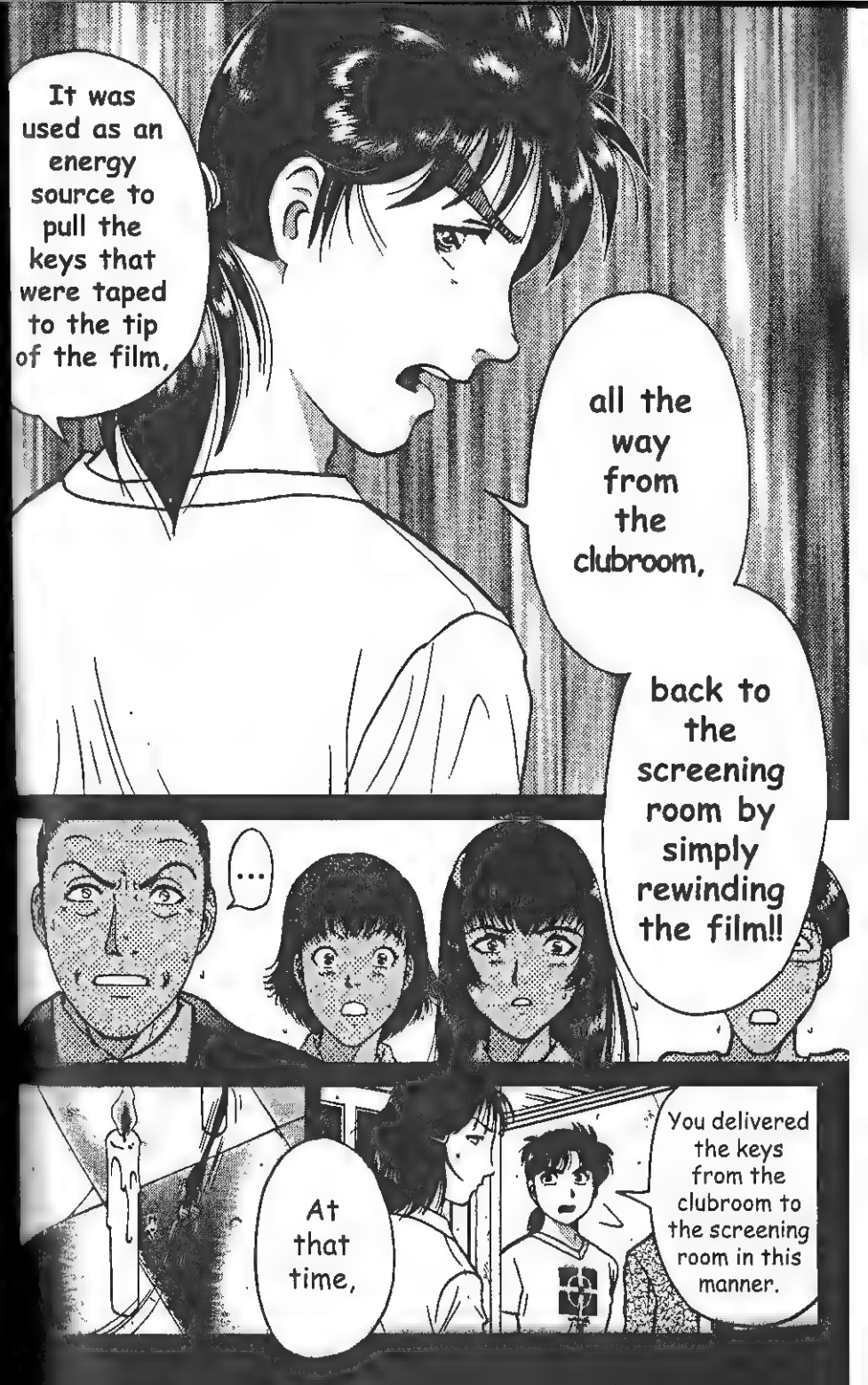
Every-one! Take a look at this!!
That ...?
The broken end of the film that was revolving besides Kurasawa's body...!
AH
Saki! The tape at the end of the film, what is it called?
Eh?! You mean the splicing tape?
This tape is used to join the film at each edited point.
Yes! The tape came loose when the film was turning in the projector...
Although apparently, this seems to be the case,
but in actual fact, it wasn't. The splicing tape was not used to attach film!
Eh?

That movie...?
Yes!
There are two reasons why Kurasawa was killed in a state of watching a movie.
The first one was to allow Kurasawa to confess his crime, just like a suicide note which wraps up the whole case, and
CAIA
The second reason was...
Loading "the film onto the projector" !!
This was a necessary factor in creating the "double inaccessible rooms"!
What?!
What... what did you mean by that?! ...That...

!?
SSHH
SSSH
The keys... keys!
Are pulled by the film and are sliding under the door?!
SSS
SSHH
And as it is, the door of this old school campus has a gap of about two centimeters under it.
BAM
Now! Take a look at this closely!
This is what I mean by the trick of the "double inaccessible rooms".
This... this!!

It was used to attach the keys!!!
Just like this...all tied to the film!
Ah!!
SHIVER
After that... like this, the keys
were placed on the floor
...
SSS
SSS
!!


The Scorpio marking formed by candles becomes a pulley system...
And the keys attached to the film were drawn towards the screening room via the corridor !!


It was used as an energy source to pull the keys that were taped to the tip of the film,
all the way from the clubroom,
back to the screening room by simply rewinding the film!!
...
You delivered the keys from the clubroom to the screening room in this manner.
At that time,

In this way, the film will go around the candle pulley system, pulling the keys,
Beautifully maneuvering the bend,
SSHH
SSSH
And finally entering the screening room.
SSSH
SSSH
Then Kindaichi!
At that time, the projector besides Kurasawa...
AH!
That's right!
CLANG
CLANG
...wasn't meant to project the movie!!

When everything was done, you switched on the projector,
THLIK
OFF
ON
KLAKK
Locked the door to the screening room, carried the two keys and quickly ran to the clubroom.
TAP TAP TAP
You then closed the clubroom door and locked it with the key from inside.
TOK
CKKTCH
Since the film was unwrapped, there'd be some time before it was drawn,
you made use of this short duration to tie the keys to the tip of the film before it was being dragged towards the door
SSHH
SSSS
After making sure that the keys were drawn successfully,
GLUG
You took the sleeping drug and lost consciousness-
You must had practiced a lot of times.
The "ghost stories" which you said about the clubroom were also,
Part of your plan to prevent people from coming near it when you were doing your rehearsal, right?
...

When everybody lost their consciousness, you stood up.
...
RISE
SCREENING ROOM
And carried Kurasawa, who was already dead because of the poison, into the screening room.
THUD
Next you loaded the "confession film" that you had prepared beforehand into the projector,
SSS
SSS
SSHH
SSSH
And unwrapped the film.
And when you finished that, you carried Kadowaki to the corridor,
And killed him
You then made the Scorpio marking with candles around the body,
And pulled the film the way to the club

In other words,
The real reason to associate the series of murders with "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"...
Is to disguise this pulley of candles
that was brought into play in this final murder!
Moreover, the keys that were drawn to the screening room,
...
would dropped into the hand of the dead body automatically.
Automatically ...?
SSS
SSH
KRAK
Yes! This is what I mean!

That "ghost story" fabricated ...?
The one about the crying lady?
Yep!
In this manner, she rehearsed the trick of rewinding the projector and pulling the keys many times.
But if the keys were being pulled just like that,
PAH
The keys might get caught while maneuvering the bend, causing the trick to fail
And then you thought of using the "Candle Scorpio Sign"
which appeared in "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"
By making the candles function as pulleys,
the withdrawing keys can enter the screening room successfully without getting caught at the bend of the corridor!

Yes! At that time, the film was also passing through Kurasawa's watch strap in this way.
THUD
And when the knot, which is secured by the splicing tape, reached the watch strap,
SNAK
The lightly secured tape loosened,
KLANK
And the keys fell into the hands of the body which was in rigor mortis.
Kurasawa's watch strap was not buttoned at the usual hole that has marks,
But at the outermost hole so as to make the strap loose to allow the film to pass through.
CLENCH
In this way, it's just perfect for the keys to drop into the hand of the body,
As rigor mortis proceeded, the fingers closed up and it appeared as if the body was holding the keys...

CLANG
!?
SCREENING ROOM
Wow !!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANK
The film is passing through ...
SSS
SSH
SSHH
The watch strap of the body (dummy)!!

One of them was the fact that a totally incompatible movie was screened after "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation".
...
You were also taken by surprise, right?
You must have carefully prepared the continuation to "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation".
And for easy recognition, you even **labelled** the film container, right?
But Miyuki knocked over the containers accidentally and when I tried to put the films back into the containers, I mixed up the contents
Unknowingly, you used the film without checking.
And because of that, a peculiar continuation of the film was formed.
The other clue was Poalo's **barking** at Kurasawa's hand!
Eh?
At that time, Poalo seemed to be telling us that there was something in the deceased's hand,
Woo Ow Ow
However, in actual fact, he was **barking at the keys in the hand.**

That's how you made the body in the screening room hold the keys and in the process,
Accomplished the trick of the "double inaccessible rooms"!!
!!
SIGH
You've got me there...
How did you realize the way this trick was done?
Basically there were two clues.

I did it!
I killed Kurasawa and the rest...!!
Why...!! Your brother died in an accident!!
And for that you killed Kurasawa senior?!!
...You said it was an accident?
Don't be silly...! That was not an accident.
That's right...
...

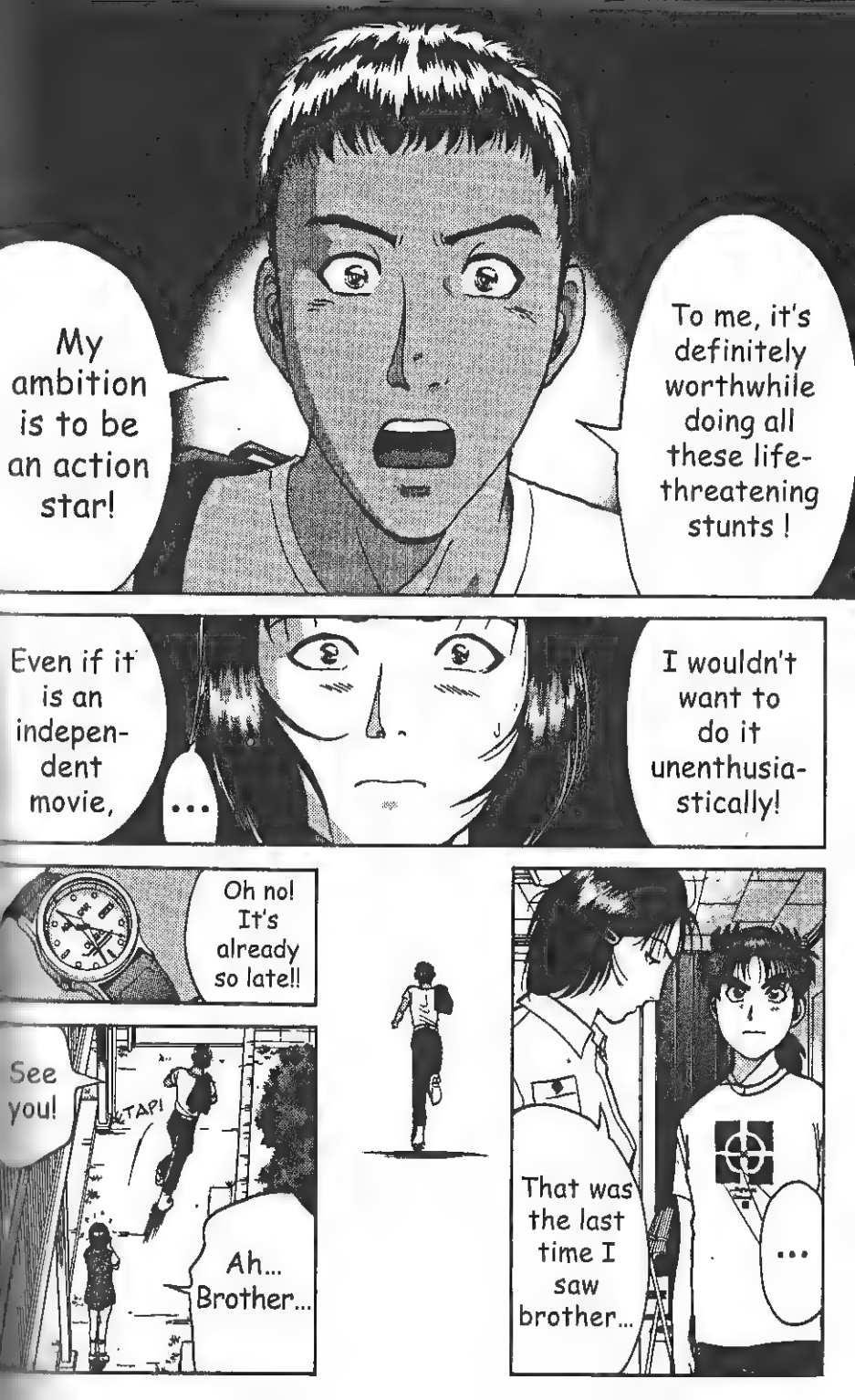
Poalo hates lavender smell.
He barked because he was irritated by the keys that had lavender smell after
they were being pulled over the lavender deodorant I had spilled at the clubroom doorway.
When I realized the real reason behind Poalo's barking...
I began to see the whole picture with all the scattered information I'd gathered.
...
Yes.
Because of these things, the whole plan was foiled...!
Yu Yusa You !

Miss Yusa's brother was
Cheated by Mr Kurasawa and his gang and was killed...
...
PHANTOM OF THE SILVER SCREEN
EPILOGUE
What was it all about?
...

Kurasawa and his gang cheated my brother!
And they deliberately pushed him to his death!!
...

Yo! Chie!!
Yep!
Eh?! Brother, are you going out?
Today I am going for "filming"!
"Filming"? You mean the independent film "The Scorpio Man" or something like that?
It's "The Tragedy of the Scorpio Constellation"!
The other one was already finished and is now in the process of editing!
The new film that I am involved is a suspense action movie!
Although I only finished filming half of it, it's getting more and more interesting!!
Hey! Bring me along to the set!
No way! If you come, it will be very noisy and I will lose my concentration!

Brother's dream was
To be an action star...
Ever since our parents divorced, brother had moved out to live alone and
To realize his dream he started to train hard in the gymnasium and attended acting classes
I visited him regularly...
Be-cause he...
He was the closest kin I have in my life!
Yoo-hoo Brother!
YO
HEE HEE
Today I brought your favorite sweet jellied bean paste!


My ambition is to be an action star!
To me, it's definitely worthwhile doing all these life-threatening stunts !
Even if it is an independent movie,
...
I wouldn't want to do it unenthusiastically!
Oh no! It's already so late!!
See you!
TAP!
Ah... Brother...
That was the last time I saw brother...
...

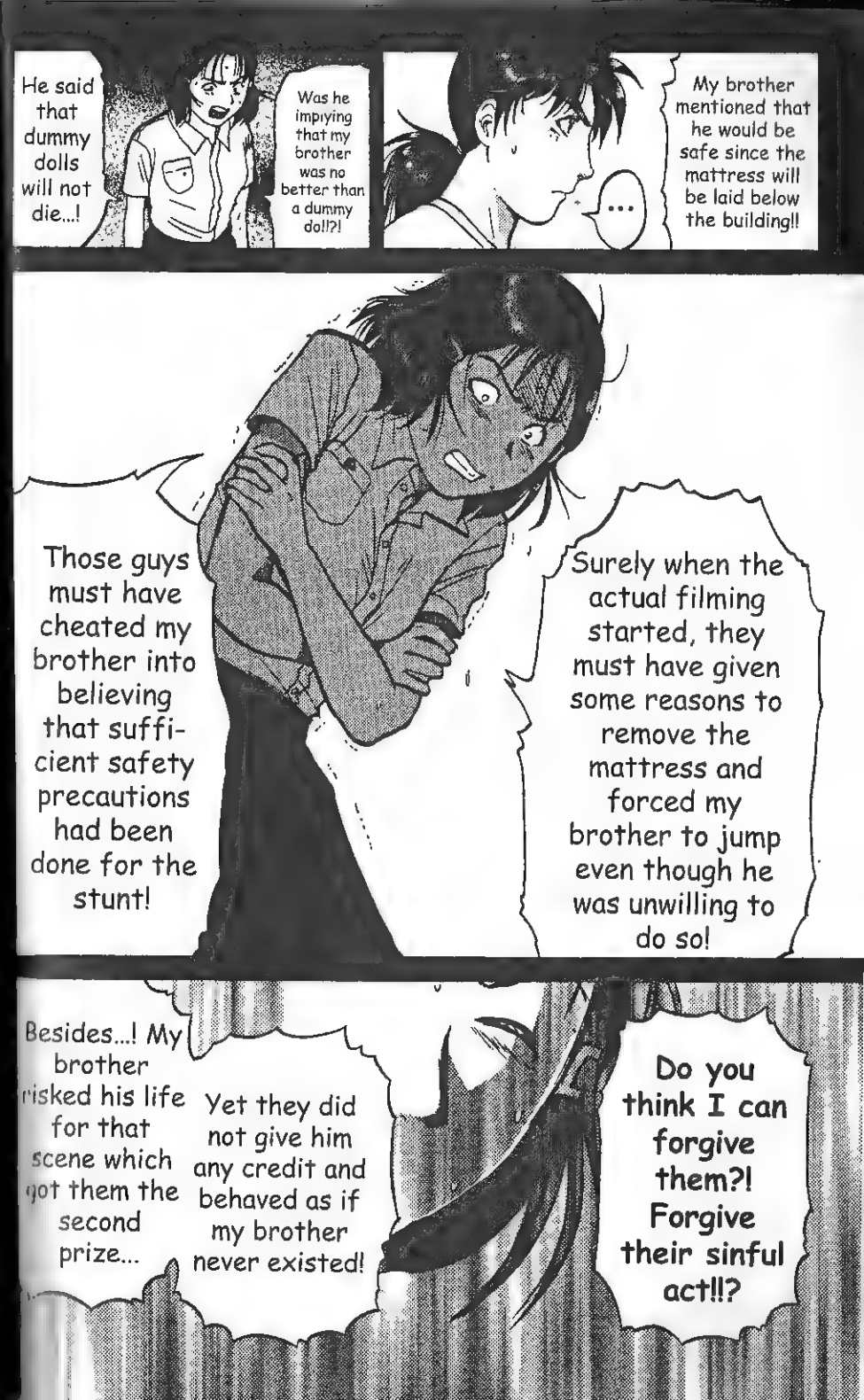
Big deal!
Hm?
Brother, you forgot something!
Oh! Sorry!! Bring me that script!
Ah! The part that is tagged is the scene you all are shooting today?!
Let me see!
!?
What..!!
<action> The police is close behind! So, I climb up the stairs and
<action> Jumped from the rooftop of the 12-storeyed building to
Suddenly,
Jumping from a 12-storeyed building to another building?!
Brother! Don't go!! If you dropped from there, you are going to die!
You are always like that, Chie!!
Worried about this and that.
Normally for these types of scenes,
there will be mattresses below so even if you drop, it will be alright!
But..
Chie!!

TAP
!!
This scene!!
This must be it!!
All the action scenes where the face could not be seen were done by my brother!!
What he meant by starring in a movie...
He's actually refering to his role as a stuntman?!
But it's weird ...
...
Although brother had starred in the movie as a stuntman, his name didn't appear in the credits or any of the publicity pamphlets!

Even though I contacted the police and investigated everywhere that we could think of,
we didn't have a single clue to my brother's disappearance...
We didn't know who were the independent movie producer my brother was working with
and the investigation had to be stopped.
Since then, I started to go around watching independent movies!
...
However, my intuition tells me that...
The people involved in producing that movie definitely know something about it!
Sometimes I even watched ten movies a day, which gave me a headache and I felt so relieved when I could finally stood up
Just when I was about to give up,
I stumbled upon that movie at a Cultural Festival organized by Fudou High School of Fine Arts!!
Second prize winner in The Japan Amateur Film Festival
THE FUGITIVE
Breathtaking, non-stop action movie
Don't miss it!!
HERE
...
A movie produced by high school students won the second prize

That wasn't our fault!
...
If I am the one doing it, it would be a piece of cake!
He was scared, that was why he fell!
I guess even the dummy doll over there is more reliable than that clumsy fellow!

I felt there was something amiss.
So I went secretly to the clubroom after the festival.
...And over there, I got to know about a horrifying fact...!
...
...
HAA... It was like a dream to win the 2nd prize in the film fest.
HA HA HA HA
Yes! Yes! That means our chance of going into the real movie industry is pretty high!
Although that's the case...
I was really frightened while doing the scene where Honda jumped from that building to the other one!
Eh!?
At that time, if Kadowaki didn't remove the mattress which would show up in the shots, today, he might still be...
If I didn't shoot from that angle, it would not be so realistic. I believe you were the one who said that right, Izumiya?
They had removed the mattress for that dangerous scene...?!
Nff!
At that point of time, there was a sudden gush of strong wind...


He said that dummy dolls will not die...!
Was he implying that my brother was no better than a dummy do!!?!
...
My brother mentioned that he would be safe since the mattress will be laid below the building!!
Those guys must have cheated my brother into believing that sufficient safety precautions had been done for the stunt!
Surely when the actual filming started, they must have given some reasons to remove the mattress and forced my brother to jump even though he was unwilling to do so!
Besides...! My brother risked his life for that scene which got them the second prize...
Yet they did not give him any credit and behaved as if my brother never existed!
Do you think I can forgive them?! Forgive their sinful act!!?

Hey Kurasawa! I understand that you demand a lot for action scenes,
but next time use a dummy doll instead when shooting dangerous scenes!
I don't want to be the next Honda!
OK...I under-stand.
And will not die!
...
Dummy dolls will not be scared, will not falter,

...Two weeks later...
RUSTLE
SKREEE
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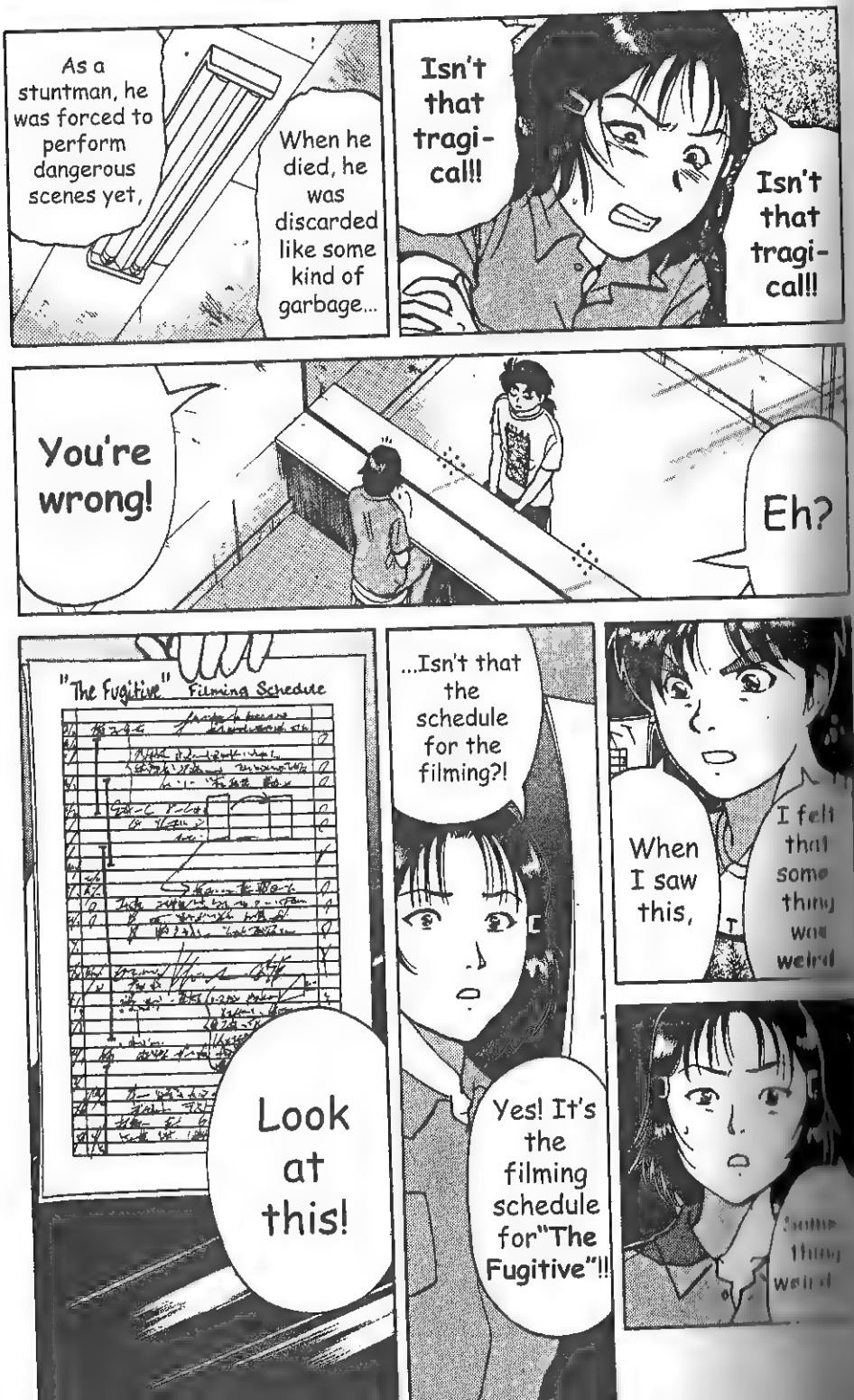
Inspector! How's Yusa Chiemi?
Oh...she didn't talk to her mother when she came to visit her
and she didn't really touch her food.
Am I right to say that she had given up the will to live on?
Seems like she's not concern about her own well-being...
TOC
KRAK
AH
...

...
That's right!
I don't feel any tinge of regret...
The four of them were already dead...!
Even though my identity as the killer has been exposed...I don't feel anything.
In order to clear the hatred of my brother who died horribly and tragically,
I became the phantom of revenge, "The Scorpio"...!
...

The remains of a body was found in an underground drainage way of an unoccupied housing complex.
This watch belonged to the deceased!
It was broken and the time stopped exactly at noon on 25th, the day of the filming.
...
This watch...is your brother's watch, right?
My brother was found...?
...
...This watch...
CLENCH
!
I gave it to my brother as his birthday present last year...!
SE
Brother liked it very much,
And on the day he disappeared, he was wearing it.
...My poor brother.
...
SETTE

Yo!
...It's you!?
SETTE
What are you doing here?!
To make fun of me?!
RIP
Actually I wanted to pass you this!
!?
THUD
SURPRISE

The filming style of Kurasawa, the director is such that
he would normally shoot the first scene till the last according to the progress of the movie plot.
But in the case of "The Fugitive" ...
After filming the scene of "jumping from building to building" which is the middle part of the movie...
In other words, after the 25th, the day when the watch stopped,
All the scenes before that whereby the leading actor Sanada appeared
6/15 Scene 21- Jump from building
Prepared film
Rainy day
6/17 Scene 11-
Carpark
Redo Scene 1~20
6/19 do Scene 11
From Sanada's part
7/1 Scene 23-Coffee house
13:00~14:00
Break 6 coffee cups
Luxurious clothing
Were inserted and re-taken as indicated by this schedule.
Don't you find it very unnatural to do a retake like that?
From scene 1~20?
...
However if you think of it this way, it will be logical...
...On the 25th, when Kurasawa and the rest lost their "leading actor" due to an accident, they quickly made Sanada the "replacement actor".
...Then... then...!!
...Yes...! He wasn't a "stuntman".


As a stuntman, he was forced to perform dangerous scenes yet,
When he died, he was discarded like some kind of garbage...
Isn't that tragi-cal!!
Isn't that tragi-cal!!
You're wrong!
Eh?
"The Fugitive" Filming Schedule
Look at this!
...Isn't that the schedule for the filming?!
Yes! It's the filming schedule for "The Fugitive"!!
When I saw this,
I felt that some thing was weird

there was this bright future that he always dreamt about,
And the path to become an action star was right before him...
...
However, it was such a waste!
In fact, I really wish I could see that movie!
SMIRK
SETTE
That original "The Fugitive" with your brother as the leading actor!
With Sanada as the leading actor, that movie could only fetch a second prize...

He was the "leading actor" right from the start...!
Honda Kage-yuki was the leading actor ...!
Brother was...
The "leading actor"...!
Your brother's role was not a stuntman,
but he, as the leading actor in the action movie, challenged that scene with pride and courage!
...the scene which is the highlight of that movie,
that breath-taking scene!
Other people would have hesitated,
but I think he was not afraid at all.
The reason is that at the other end where he was supposed to land...

Mi-yuki...
!!!
What? Hajime.
The actors and all others behind the scene have to work extremely hard...
But it's really tough to make a movie...
Miss Yusa's brother lost his life while performing as the leading actor...!
The leading actor ...!
Yes ...

But what would it be like if your brother was the leading actor?
It's obvious isn't it...
It's obvious!
Definitely
The first prize!

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...Movie,
Let's go and watch a movie!

...
Um mm!

Let's go, let's go.♡
Wah?! Hey! Miyuki...
Stop pulling! You're hurting me!
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